WASHINGTON (AFP) — The State Department said Friday it was unhappy with the progress in the Middle East peace talks and called on Israeli and Arab delegations to get the necessary backing from home to push ahead. "We are not yet satisfied that enough progress has been made or that the delegations have enough authority to go beyond familiar positions," said spokesman Michael McCurry. "They need that authority to move where the process needs to go next," he said. The current round of talks which began here June 15 closes next Thursday and none of the delegations have reported any real progress in their bilaterals and have delegations have reported any real progress in their bilaterals and have called on the United States to step in (see story below). "I think we have done our best to help the parties to bridge their differences," Mr. McCurry said.

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AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Thursday received at the Royal Court Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz, who thuan a Baghdad. Mr. Aziz briefed Prince Hassan on the outcome of the talks he had with United Nations Secretary General Boutros Ghali and the situation in Iraq. The meeting was attended Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Jawad Al Anani and the Iraqi ambassador in Am-

#### Israelis unhappy with Rabin's peace policy

TEL AVIV (AFP) — A majority of Israelis do not agree with the way the government is conduct-ing the Middle East peace talks, according to a survey published Friday. The Yediot Aharonot newspaper found 59 per cent disagreed. Some 32 per cent thought the government's peace apolicy was "not very good" and 27 per cent "not good." But 34 per cent found the policy good.

#### Israeli helicopters hit DFLP office

TYRE, Lebanon (R) - Israeli helicopter gunships blasted rockets into a Palestinian group's office in a South Lebanon refugee camp on Friday, wounding a man, witnesses said. Two helicopters fired four rockets into the one-storey office of the Damascus-based Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) in the heart of Al Bus refugee camp, they said. A member of the DFLP working in the building was slightly wound-

#### Israelis arrest 3, wound eight

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — Israeli soldiers arrested shot and wounded eight Arabs in separate incidents Friday in the occupied Gaza Strip, the army and Palestinian sources said. Also on the Gaza masked men shot n in and killed Ahmad Abdul Adi Rissa, 24, whom they accused of Cost collaborating with the Israeli authorities, Palestinian sources ್ಷಾಚ said.

#### Nathan gets Libyan visa

TUNIS (AP) — Israeli peace activist Abie Nathan said Friday he had been issued a visa to visit Libva, where he hopes to meet Muammar Qadhafi to promote Jewish-Libyan relations. Mr. Nathan, however, told reporters he planned to leave by road for in. the Libyan border Saturday.

#### **QAU** to mediate in Lîbya dispute

CAIRO (AFP) — The Organisa-tion of African Unity (OAU) will try to mediate in the West's dispute with Libya over the 1989 bombing of a U.S. airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, OAU sources said Friday. African foreign ministers meeting here have decided to ask Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who is to assume the OAU chairmanship after the pan-African organisation's summit in Cairo next week, to use his "good offices" to settle

#### Germany's SPD elects new chief

ESSEN (AFP) — Germany's Party (SPD) Friday installed a new president, Rudolf Scharping. in a centreward shift towards ending a 10-year spell in the political wilderness. Mr. Scharping, 45-year-old premier of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate. was also installed as the party's champion in the 1994 race for the chancellery against the veteran

#### Helmut Kohl. Wheeler becomes N. Ireland minister

LONDON (AFP) - John Wheeler, a 53-year-old Conservative member of parliament and former assistant prison warden. was Friday named to succeed John Mates, who Thursday resigned under fire as junior minister for Northern Ireland. Mr. ter for Northern Ireland. Mi.
Mheeler has been on the Tory backbenches 14 years.

backbenches 14 years (see page

# King ends official visit to U.S. on highly successful note



His Majesty King Hussein with U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher at the State Department on Thursday (AFP photo).

#### By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter with agency dispatches

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein Friday ended an 11-day state visit to the U.S. seen as having achieved success in mending bi-lateral relations and establishing a better rapprochement with the administration of Bill Clinton.

Both American and Jordanian officials said the visit of the King, who met with President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, senior American administration officials as well as leading congressmen, was highly successful, particularly that the Monarch clearly conveyed Jordan's position on va-rious regional and international issues and secured American pledges of support.

The king, who is accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Noor, was scheduled to leave Washington for Rochester, Minnesota, where he was to undergo medical checkups at the Mayo Clinic.

King Hussein capped his visit to the U.S. capital with meetings with Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Senate leaders Thomas Mitchell (Democrat) and

Mr. Christopher's discussion

with the King covered the Middle East peace process as well as other issues including the democratisation process under way in

He paid tribute to Jordan's consistent support for the peace

Mr. Christopher called on the parties to the 20-month-old Middle East peace negotiations to focus on "substantive problems" - and "not be diverted by procedural changes.'

The secretary also publicly reaffirmed the Clinton administration's commitment to letters of assurance given to the parties prior to the October 1991 Madrid Conference that began the cur-rent search for Middle East

The negotiations resumed on June 15 after a month-long recess. They involve direct peace talks between Israel and its Arab neighbours — Syria, Lebanon and Jordan — and discussions between Israeli and Palestinian representatives on interim selfgoverning arrangements for the occupied territories.

Welcoming King Hussein to and a better future for the gen-the State Department for a lun-cheon, Mr. Christopher told re-Responding to questions from

ful to have him assisting us in trying to move that process forward," the secretary said.

Describing the Monarch as "a long-time friend of the United States," Mr. Christopher said: We're most admiring of the steps that the King has taken toward democratisation in his country. They've been very prog-ressive and very desirable steps." He also praised Jordan's enforcement of United Nations sanctions

against Iraq. King Hussein said he was imjust, comprehensive and durable peace in our region.... Our ideas are the same, objectives, principles that we uphold, and we hope that we can contribute towards a breaking of a new dawn of peace

Responding to questions from

porters at a photo session that the reporters, Mr. Christopher said United States is "indebted to him the United States remains "comfor his consistent support of the mitted to the letters of assurances peace process in the Middle that were given in connection with the Madrid Conference and "He's been a leader in this area the restarting of the peace negofor some time and I'm very grate- tiations. We've indicated that to the parties as the process was restarted here in the United

"We're working closely with the parties in that difficult subject," he continued. "We've been in close touch with all the bilateral negotiations. They are at a substantive level and the parties are grappling with some extremely difficult issues."

Asked about Syrian and Israeli suggestions that some changes might be required in the Madrid format for the negotiations, Mr. pressed by President Clinton's Christopher responded: "We determination to contribute his think that the emphasis ought to utmost for the establishment of a be on dealing with the substantive problems. I'm not sure that there's any need for process or procedural changes.

The main goal of the United (Continued on page 5)

## Christopher, Rabin 'exchange ideas' as delegates await action

Combined Agency despatches

U.S. SECRETARY of State Warren Christopher discussed a new proposal for an Israeli-Palestinian declaration of principles in talks Friday with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Sources close to Mr. Rabin said

place over the telephone. They did not elaborate. The Israeli and Palestinian delegations said this week in Washington that the United States was expected to make a new proposal to bridge the gap

in Tel Aviv the conversation took

between the two sides. In Washington Israeli and Palestinian delegates said they were hoping the United States would step in before peace talks wrap up next week to put their negotiations back on track.

U.S. intervention could come Palestinian self-rule in the occu- much with the Israelis.

pied territories, according to the Palestinian delegation's spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi.

"We have explained our concept of the plan in detail to State Department officials over the past 10 days and we believe they will come up with their own," Dr.

what they will present," she approach to East Jerusalem. A source close to the Israeli delegation said the U.S. document could be submitted early next week, just a few days before this round of peace talks in

Washington ends July 1. During the last session which ended May 13, U.S. officials presented a draft text outlining principles for a compromise solution. but the Palestinians rejected the in the form of a new plan for plan arguing that it sided too

Since this round began June 15, the U.S. team has worked actively from the sidelines with Dennis Ross's six-month appointment as a special Mideast coordinator an indication of the importance Washington places on the Mideast peace process.

Mr. Rabin meanwhile told a "We do not know, however, news conference that the main stumbling block in the negotiaadded, noting that her side was tions with the Palestinians was most concerned over Israel's the "gap separating our approaches to resolving the con-

Mr. Rabin said Israel has opposed to "mixing the period of interim self-government and the final status (of the occupied territories)."

"The Palestinians want the first phase to pave the way for the final status. They want immediate inrisdiction over all the territories and this is totally unacceptable

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#### ESCWA to stay here for 1 more year

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) will continue to base ts operation in Amman until Aug. 1994 after receiving the approval of United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Ghali for a one-year extension.

mission told the Jordan Times Friday that the recommendation on the extension was approved pending the decision by ESCWA's 13 member states on a permanent base for the commis-

The recommendation was made by Dr. Sabah Baqjaji, a former minister of planning from Syria, who took charge of the commission in February of this

Three countries — Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq — have made formal applications to host the commission after the Gulf war forced it to move from its permanent headquarters in Baghad in 1990 to a temporary base in Am-

"A meeting of the member states will be held in Beirut later this year to decide on a permanent base for the commission, the spokesman said.

ESCWA is one of five regional commissions with a mandate to promote regional cooperation

and social welfare in the world. Other commissions include the

Economic and Social Commission of Asia and the Pacific (based in Bangkok), the Economic Commission of Europe (based in Geneva), the Economic Commission of Africa (based in Addis Ababa) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean which is based

in Santiago, Chile.
"The 350 U.S. regional commission member staff will take this opportunity to resume implementation of resolutions adopted by its member states during their meeting in Amman Aug. 93," the ESCWA spokesman said Friday.

#### 8 suspects in 'bombing plots' said linked to New York blast ited States, denied any role in the

NEW YORK (Agencies) — Eight men accused of plotting bombings and murders appear to be part of a network involved in the World Trade Centre bombing and the assassination of a radical Jewish leaders.

The eight, arrested Thursday and held without bail; hoped to reinforce the message sent by the of the eight fundamentalists who Feb. 26 bombing that killed six are also accused of plotting to and injured more than 1,000: assassinate two world leaders. 'We can get you anytime," as the alleged mastermind reportedly Omar Abdul Rahman, the exiled told an informant.

"Law enforcement's answer is: 'no, you cannot'," U.S. attorney Mary Jo White said at a news conference.

The arrests were carried out with little time to spare. The group was within days of completing their explosives and executing their plan, a top federal investigator said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) said the targets this time were the United Nations, a federal office building and the Lincoln and Holland Two men from the Sudanese

U.N. mission planned to help the alleged conspirators, the ABC television programme "nightline" reported late Thursday. Security in New York was tightened to its highest level since

the 1991 Gulf war after the arrest

"Nightline" also said Sheikh radical Egyptian cleric, was believed to have discussed targets

and methods with ringleaders of the alleged bombing plot arrested on Thursday.
"Nightline" host Ted Koppel said the two Sudanese attached to

apparently enjoyed diplomatic Mr. Koppel said they were expected to be declared persona

non grata and expelled from the United States in the the next few

Sheikh Abdul, Rahman, who is

fighting deportation from the Un-

plot after federal agents searched his home

He said Siddiq Ibrahim Siddiq Ali, arrested as an alleged ringleader in the plot, had been a translator for him and was a "fine

FBI agents swooped on a New York "safe house," early Thursday, arresting five Muslim fundamentalists alleged to have been mixing chemicals to make bombs. Three others were arrested elsewhere in the New York area.

They were charged with plotting to bomb the United Nations headquarters, the two highway tunnels under the Hudson River and the federal office building that houses the New York offices their country's U.N. mission of the FBI and other agencies. Investigators also said the

group planned to assassinate U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato, who is a keen supporter of Israel.

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## Izetbegovic refuses to attend new talks on Bosnian partition

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — Bos-nia's Muslim President Alija Izetbegovic and his Vice-President Ejup Ganic have refused to attend new talks in either Brussels or Geneva on the future of the war-torn republic, the presidency said in Sarajevo Friday. Seven members of Bosnia's 10-

member collection presidency are to meet this weekend in Brussels with foreign ministers from the European Community's ruling troika of Britain, Denmark and Belgium. Next week they are to meet in

Geneva to discuss with European negotiators proposals to divide the former Yugoslav republic into

three ethnic states for the warring Muslim, Croat and Serb com-Mr. Izetbegovic and Mr. Ganic boycotted talks this week in

Geneva with negotiators Lord

Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg.

Mr. Izetbegovic has rejected the plan for ethnic partition as he wants to maintain Bosnia as a sovereign, multi-ethnic state. Mr. Ganic also warned that Europe would face a wave of terrorism if the world abandoned his people.

Heavy fighting flared between Muslims and Croats in central Bosnia as Mr. Ganic made the statement in an interview with Reuters television. He said he and Mr. Izetbego-

vic would not attend a meeting called on Friday in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, by seven other presidency members to discuss the Serb-Croatian proposal to partition Bosnia. Mr. Ganic said the plan would legitimise genocide and "ethnic

cleansing" and he preferred to

fight on to preserve a multi-

cultural state within the existing

borders of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"I will not be able to sign the plan which will legitimise geno-cide and ethnic cleansing. I don't want to be part of that." he said. "If the international community decided to finish with us, of course terrorism will start all over Europe," Mr. Ganic warned.

He said there were one million Bosnian Muslims at present living quietly in Western Europe. "If the European Community is trying to sell Bosnia, those people will behave like robots and there will be disaster," he

> The rift between Mr. Izetbegovic and other members of Bosnia's presidency widened when he apparently decided to skip the Mr. Ganic talked to Bosnian

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parliament leaders, who urged a

meeting of the legislature as soon

supremo.

VIENNA (Agencies) — Western and developing nations failed Friday to settle a dispute over the text, delegates forecast that the appointment of a human rights

Negotiators at the 160-pation

World Human Rights Conference night or even Saturday. decided after seven hours of heated debate to put off any decision on a U.N. rights commissioner and referred the issue to called off. Officials said he was the next session of the U.N. general assembly in New York. Delegates, shrugging off a divisive vote on Thursday over the war in Bosnia, worked late into the afternoon to complete details of a landmark new declaration to human rights abuses and report promote rights around the world. an offending country to the U.N.

Diplomats at the two-week conference, the first of its kind for 25 years, said the document marked an important step fortough with rights violators looked set for the back-burner.

As a drafting committee hag-gled over the last details of a draft final declaration might not be approved by a full session of the conference until late on Friday

Plans for U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali to address the end of the conference were going to Cairo for an Organisation of African Unity summit. They did not say if the conference delay was to blame. The proposed commissioner

would have the power to probe Security Council. Western countries strongly

backed the proposal as one of the few action points in the 33-page ward even though plans to get final declaration. But communist and some Third World countries, fearful Western interference in

Decision on rights supremo put off their affairs, tried to water it

> osed a feasibility study on the idea which would put off the appointment indefinitely.
>
> But Namibian President Sam Nuioma praised the idea, saying

Delegates said Egypt had prop-

the protection of human rights for the next century. Efforts to draw up a final declaration were throws into disarray on Thursday when Islamic states led by Pakistan called on delegates to adopt a controversial statement on Bosnia urging that

Muslims there be exempted from

"would significantly enhance

a U.N. arms embargo (see page The declaration was passed by 88 votes to one, but 54 Western and other countries abstained. arguing it violated a "gentleman's agreement" not to mention speci-fic countries at the conference.

## Questions remain hanging in air as stock market boom seen picking up

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Trading in the Amman stock market cooled off during last week following the reaffirmation of a Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) policy of restricting commercial credits. but brokers and investors expect the boom in the market to resume and continue until shares stabilise themselves before the end of the year.

But the key question re-

mains unanswered: How

strong and sweeping will be the expected stabilisation? Will it

mean a dramatic plunge in a

market where officials see

prices as inflated and over-

valued? Or will it be of a limited nature? No broker, investor or offi-

cial is able to answer this question. Opinion is evenly split that the share prices ha touched the ceiling and measures should be undertaken to address the situation before it gets out of hand and inflicts massive losses to investors. Even two senior officials

differ dramatically on the "Stock prices have been inflated and overvalued in the last two years," said one of

closely involved in advising the

government on the economy

and its workings and who share

the same floor at a ministry

them. "We are really on dangerous grounds now and it is time the authorities did something to restrain the market so that massive losses could be avoided for the people." "How could anyone justify

the multi-fold difference between the par value and market value of the shares of some companies and banks?" he said. "The concerned companies are not worth the total market value of their shares." His colleague down the cor-

ridor disagrees totally. "I be-

lieve that a close look indicates

that increases of any signifi-

cance involve a few selected

companies and banks which

are strong and sound," said the

official. "After all, we are moving fast towards a free market economy and the authorities should let events shape themselves 25 long as no state funds are involved and no irregularities are taking place in the market."

Economic experts say it is unlikely that the Amman Financial Market (AFM) will witness a repetition of the illfamous \$90 billion collapse of Kuwait's Al Manakh market in the mid-1980s. They point out that trading at AFM is supported by real funds unlike the post-dated cheques which bounced and brought down Al Manakh.

"There will be losses when

the market corrects itself by the end of the year, with investors closely watching the performance of the various companies," said an official who monitors the AFM. "But then. the losers will only have themselves to blame for not having moved in time to adjust their

standings." In the meantime, AFM figures showed that the volume of trading during last week (four days of business since Monday was a holiday) was JD 28 million compared with the JD 57 million registered during the previous week (five days of

Brokers said the decline was the immediate result of confu-

sion among investors sparked by a CBJ move to limit commercial bank credits for trading in stocks.

The CBJ told commercial banks that they could not lend investors more than 50 per cent of the value of shares, down from 75 per cent.

The CBJ reaffirmation of this restriction was redundant. bankers say. "By and large commercial banks never exceeded this limit since they realise better than anyone else there is no guarantee that their beneficiaries would reap profits and remain strong and in a position to fulfill their obligations," said the manager

of a leading Jordanian bank.

Notwithstanding this argument, the effect of the CBJ move, according to brokers, was "semi-panic" among speculators who feared an immediate depletion of funds from the market.

"Although it became clear in a few days that there was no such thing happening, there was an immediate five to six per cent decline in stock prices," said a broker, who, like others, insisted on anonymity. "But many held on to their shares and stayed away from trading, and this explains the low volume registered last

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bulit Antonov 124 plane will be

used to transport the fuel to

Moscow before the end of the

year. The plane, according to U.N. officials, would be adapted

to ensure that even in the event of

a crash, there would be no leak-

The operation would be the

The fuel had been moved from

Thuwaitha, Iraq's main nuclear

research establishment west of

Baghdad, after the facility was

bombed by U.S. warplanes dur-

It has since been stored in a

special steel-lined, concrete de-

pot in farmlands five kilometres

north of the facility under the

supervision of the Vienna-based

International Atomic Energy

Agency (IAEA).
Mr. Keliey's team was the 20th

from the IAEA to travel to Iraq

since the weapons elimination

process began after the 1991 Gulf

Some 38 other teams have been

destroying chemicals and biolo-

gical weapons, ballistic missiles

and plants that produced such

Iraqis have resisted some of

Nikita Smidovitchh, a UNSCOM

official, remained locked in a

standoff with the Iraqis over in-

stallation of monitoring cameras

Iraq has refused to accept long-

Mr. Smidovitch and his accom-

panying team, have been in Iraq

since June 4.

The U.N. Security Council met

on June 18 and warned Iraq of

grave consequences if it did not

A next day, Iraq said it was willing to cooperate fully with the

Security Council's resolutions if it

term monitoring of its weapons

at two missile sites.

first of its kind as such material in

the past was moved by ship.

age of radiation.

ing the Gulf war.

these teams.

## Russia to process Iraqi nuclear fuel

has won a contract to take radioactive Iraqi fuel that could have been used in making a nuc-lear bomb, a United Nations spokesman said Friday.

Spokesman Jan Fischer revealed this shortly after a team of 10 U.N. nuclear inspectors headed for Baghdad, on a mission partly to help arrange for the removal of the fuel and partly to help ensure that Iraq does not resurrect its nuclear programme.

U.N. inspectors say Iraq had been only a few years away from building a nuclear bomb before itinvaded Kuwait in August 1990. "That (nuclear) programme is out of business," Mr. Fischer said

But he said it was important for the inspectors to visit regularly to seek responses to unanswered questions and to be sure equipment like sophisticated machine tools are no longer used in the

They are going to fill in some gaps and make sure that what they know about is not being used to restart a new programme," said Mr. Fischer, chief of the field office of the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) set up to destroy Iraq's dangerous

And they will be making detailed arrangements for the eventual evacuation of about 40 kilog-rammes of irradiated fuel, which Mr. Fischer said would have been enough for use in one or two bombs if Iraq had reached that

The 10-member team was headed by Bob Kelley, an American nuclear weapons expert from

Los Almos, New Mexico. No date for transporting the weapons-grade fuel has been fixed. But Mr. Fishcer told the Associated Press that Moscow has won a bid to buy the fuel, which Iraq had bought several years ago from the former Soviet

## Activists demand end to ADC 'spying'

WASHINGTON (USIA) — Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) President Albert Mokhiber has called on the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) to apologise for its "spying" on American citizens and to discontinue the practice.

At a June 22 news conference in front of ADL's national headquarters in Washington - which followed a lengthy protest by some 45 picketers — Mr. Mokhi-ber pointed to the recent case in California, where, according to press reports, authorities are investigating allegations that the ADL maintained a private intelligence network which illegally tapped into police records to cull information on some 12,000 peo-

ADL "agents" reportedly admitted selling information on anti-apartheid activists to South African intelligence agents, Mr. Mokhiber said, thus generating "fears that similar information on Palestinian, Central American and Irish political activists in the United States may have been provided to governments hostile

to right to participate in political activities, as guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution.

Joining Mr. Mokhiber in protesting the alleged ADL surveillance were spokespersons of other ethnic organisations who said they have been the targets of such ADL spying.

Asked to comment on the protest, ADL spokesman Michael Lieberman said: "This demonstration is based on grossly distorted and groundless accusations against the ADL."

"Many of the groups involved in this demonstration," he added, have a long record of hostility to ADL and important interests to the Jewish community — such as the security of the state of

And, Mr. Lieberman added: 'Contrary to allegations. ADL has never targeted civil rights groups for investigations and we have never targeted any indi-vidual on the basis of his or her race, religion, ethnicity, or sexual

years, ADL has attempted to responds positively to their de-discredit Arab-American and mands.

other political activists who are critical of Israeli policy. Roy Bullock, the ADL paid spy, it has now been revealed, infiltrated

our own ADC chapters."

The ADC, he said, finds it "most disconcerting" that the ADL, "a civil rights organisation with a commendable history of work for American minorities, has taken it upon itself to spy upon a whole range of other civil rights and progressive organisa-tions" which should be "allies, sharing the same values."

Also joining in the news conference were Angela Sanbrano. executive director of the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES); Cynthia Johnson, co-director of the Women Strike for Peace; Betsy Swart, representing the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission; Rita Mullan, representative of the Irish National Caucus; and Benito Torres, of the Washington Peace Centre.

Mr. Mokhiber said the ADC and the other organisations plan to continue picketing the ADL on Mr. Mokhiber said that "for a weekly basis, until the ADL

return is still awaiting evacuation.

Israel has also offered to take Baker urges U.S. to get tough with Mideast parties

> tion adopted on Dec. 18. "I appeal to the Red Cross and transfer of the sick deportees,"

Dr. Zahar said he had a list of more than 60 sick deportees including 10 who needed immediate hospitalisation, 16 who have

He said contacts were under way with the (ICRC) to secure the transfer of 28 to hospitals. Israel last week approved an ICRC request for the evacuation

Ajweh. Mr. Zahar said Abu Ajweh topped his list of exiles who needed hospitalisation and he would show the ICRC officials

from a large generator smuggled to them by the pro-Iranian move-ment Hizbollah (Party of God).

MARI AL ZOHOUR, Lebanon

medical care.

Abdul Aziz Rantisi asked the

to Lebanon on Dec. 17 after it linked them to militant groups that killed a border guard and

The ICRC has since arranged

international humanitarian organisations to work swiftly for the Mahmoud Al Zahar, a doctor and expellee leader, told reporters Friday.

various cartilage problems and

Exiles were preparing Friday to eccive electricity in their 60 tents

#### **Expellees** call for evacuation of 60 from tent camp

(Agencies) — The spokesman for 396 Palestinians exiled in South Lebanon appealed Friday for the evacuation of 60 expellees who he said are ill and need proper

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to evacuate the group, including 10 who are seriously ill, from the Marj Al Zohour tent camp between Israeli and Lebanese army lines. Israel expelled 415 Palestinians

for the return to the Israelioccupied territories of 19 expellees who were sick or expelled in error. One mentally disturbed man whom Israel has allowed to

back 126 exiles immediately and the rest by the end of year, but the exiles have refused saying Israel should return all of them at once in line with a U.N. resolu-

two with severe diabetes.

of a mentally ill exile, Ali Abu

#### obtained assurances that economic sanctions, in force since its Union and France, ostensibly for peaceful purposes. Iranian cleric says U.S.

nian cleric Friday accused the signed a formal peace treaty.

United States of sponsoring "ter- despite the five-year-old, U.N.rorist" activities in Iran and ruled ' arranged truce. out any reconciliation between the two countries, Tehran Radio

Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati was addressing worshippers after Friday prayers at Tehran University. said the radio, monitored in Nico-

"It is the United States which is responsible for these terrorist activities in Iran." he said, apparently referring to a recent upsurge in attacks by the Iranian opposition. "And then they say we are

terrorists," he said. Avatollah Jannati's diatribe was the latest outburst in a cold war that has raged between Tehran and Washington since relations were severed in 1979,

shortly after the Islamic revolu-

The Clinton administration has branded Iran "the world's most dangerous state sponsor of terrorism" and is pressing its allies to boycott the Islamic republic. The campaign that has incensed fundamentalist radicals.

The Iranians accuse Washington of extending funds and political backing to Iran's main opposition group, the Iraq-based Mujahedcen-e-Khalq. The Mujahedeen, which oper-

ates a large office in Washington but has no official links with the U.S. government, have taken responsibility for a series of explosions at Iranian oil facilities and other targets close to the Iran-Iraq border.

These attacks have escalated tension between the two Gulf adversaries, who fought the 1980-

behind terrorism in Iran NICOSIA (AP) - A senior Ira- 88 war. Iran and Iraq have not In a letter to the United Na-

tions earlier this month, Iran reported three attacks by the Mujahedeen on its oil facilities in killed in the attacks. Ayatollah Jannati also said Ira-

nians would never forget a June 28, 1981, explosion at the headquarters of the Islamic Republic Party, in which 70 politicians. including the highly influential Ayatollah Beheshti, were killed. The Mujahedeen claimed responsibility for that and a series of other explosions.

'If someone thinks we will reconcile our differences with United States, that person is mistaken," said Ayatollah Jannati. He accused Washington of allowing the massacre of Muslims in Bosnia, and said the United States was behind a plan for partitioning the former Yugoslav republic along ethnic lines.

"God should send a curse on the one who claims to be the champion of human rights, but plays with the dignity of others." he said.

Ayatollah Jannati accused the Western media of reporting a crackdown on women flouting the Islamic dress code in a malicious way.

Since Tuesday, Iranian security forces have set up roadblocks to enforce the Islamic veil, which requires women be covered in public from head to toe, with only hands and face showing. Scores of women have been

arrested in recent days for hair peeking out of head scarves. wearing make-up, and even for wearing sunglasses.

#### Britain describes 'Major-Hogg letter' as

fabrication AMMAN (J.T.) — The British embassy in Amman Thursday issued a sharp denial regarding the letter purportedly from the British prime minister, John Ma-jor, to the Foreign Office minis-

ter, Douglas Hogg.

The embassy said the letter was a complete fabrication and an obvious and clumsy fake."

"We are treating it with the contempt it deserves," a spokesman said. "No reputable newspaper or organisation in the Middle East or elsewhere has implied that the letter is genuine," he

"The letter is clearly a fabrica tion and attentive readers will have noted that it contains a number of spelling mistakes and diverges from the usual form of such letters," an embassy state-

The embassy spokesperson said it would be "utterly untrue" to say that British foreign policy The declaration on Bosnia-Herzegovina at the European Council in Copenhagen (June 21reflects the true bases of British policy in Bosnia: "...The European Council

reaffirms its conviction that a negotiated settlement has to be based on the principles of the London conference, reflected in the Vance-Owen peace plan, particularly the independence. sovereignty, and territorial in-tegrity of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the protection of human rights and the rights of minorities, the inadmissibility of acquisition of territory by force, the vital need for humanitarian aid to be provided and reach those in need. the prosecution of war crimes and breaches of international humanitarian law...

The embassy statement said: The British government have been at the forefront of efforts to bring about a cessation of hostilities and provide local citizens of all religious nomination with humanitarian relief. It is our firm belief that lifting the arms embargo now would accelerate the deterioration in Bosnia and precipitate the withdrawal of aid effort, leading to famine in Bosnia this winter and bringing to an end the concept of safe areas. The international community would stand helpless as fighting spread and led to a long and savage war with no relief for its victims."

#### going to have to show some flex-ibility too if she's really as serious TEL AVIV (AFP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, the architect of the Midabout this as I think she is." Mr. Baker called for the new dle East peace conference, has urged the United States to adopt

a tougher approach as co-sponsor of the talks. "The U.S. (should) let the par-

ties know, that they do not automatically have the full-time attention — and treasury if you want - of the U.S. to pursue this," Mr. Baker told Friday's Jerusalem Post.
"Secondly, let everybody understand that this is an historic

moment or chance.... this isn't going to last forever," Baker said in his first public remarks on the region since he left office in January. "And so the parties are going to have to be willing to give, there

has to be some give on both sides. "The Palestinians are going to have to accept the ground rules. They're going to have to accept the fact that interim selfgovernment comes before you start talking about what the permanent arrangements are going to be. June 15 t "And Israel for her part is progress.

administration to adopt his 'package" approach to the negotiations. "Everybody is for peace, nobody wants to take the steps that

are required. So you need to come up with, you need to craft and construct some package "Let the parties know... the U.S. will remain involved, but

only so long as there is realistic approach on the part of the parties themselves. 'The U.S. can't make peace... it's going to take good faith on the part of each and every one of

the parties. I think you have a better shot at that when you approach it on a package approach."
"Mr. Baker said he took a "rather aggressive approach" to launch the process in Madrid in

October 1991. A 10th round of bilateral negotiations opened in Washington on June 15 but has failed to achieve

# Israeli paper says Swiss helping Iran arms buildup

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Arms dealers and other businessmen are helping Iran obtain parts used to produce nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction via Switzerland, an Israeli newspaper reported Friday.

The front-page story by the Maariv daily followed warnings quoted from Israeli intelligence officials that Iran could attain nuclear capability before the end of the decade.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he was unaware of weapons deals cut through Switzerland. but added, "I know of several countries in Europe who take a forgiving attitude towards Iran." It is a fatal error. We try to

draw their attention to the Iranian danger which in my view is the worst danger to the Middle East," Mr. Peres told Israeli

Iran maintains that its nuclear purchases are only for peaceful

Israel itself is widely believed to have its own stockpile of nuclear-capable missiles. It has refused to confirm the widely circulated reports. The Maariv story stressed that

limit the transfer of technology and equipment with possible dual civilian or military usage, forbidding exports since February 1992. 'Switzerland possess a high

level of technology, very loose legal controls on exports, banking secrecy and above all willingness to sell regardless," Maariv said. The Hebrew-language newspaper compared Swiss law on the export of arms and sensitive

material with the famous Swiss gruyere cheese with holes in it. There is no provision for the 'end user' so that a Swiss firm can sell nuclear parts through an Italian or Indian intermediary."

Maariv went on to note that Swiss exports to Tehran had virtually doubled in three years from 268 million Swiss francs in 1989 to 493 million francs in 1992 and were expected to grow further this year. According to the newspaper 83 per cent of the exports concern sophisticated equipment and chemicals.

A foreign affairs ministry spokesman in Bern, Franz Eggel, told Maariv that Swiss law ban-

rden Television

the Swiss government has tried to ned exports of equipment which can be used to make nonconventional arms and recalled that Switzerland had signed nuclear, chemical and biological nonproliferation treaties. But it listed several Swiss-

based companies who either sold parts of machines to Iran, sometimes indirectly, or who have been in touch with agents working for Iran. Some also have been accused of helping Iraq obtain chemical weapons or a nuclear potential, it said.

Most deals were foiled by sabotage or businessmen heeding Swiss government warnings.

Maariv suggested that the Israeli secret service Mossad had planted a bomb at the headquarters of a Swiss firm dealing with Iran last February 23. A mysterious pin-point explosion took place at Bio-Engineering buildings at Wald, near Zurich, destroying sophisticated equipment.
"There is only one organisation
in the world capable of carrying

out such professional work — Israel's Mossad, Bio-**Engineering director Harry Graff** 

## MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

## U.S. sees no unusual Iraqi activity towards Iran

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States sees no unusual activity by Iraq on its border with Iran, a U.S. official said activity Thursday. The official was responding to a New York Times story Thursday that quoted American officials as saying Iraq had moved some troops closer to the Iranian border and put its air defences on high alert in its largest military mobilisation since the 1991 Gulf war. "We don't believe that there is any special effort or operation against Iran at this time," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The official told Reuters the United States "feels Iraq has in its routine military posture substantial forces adequate to launch an attack in the north, south or along this border" with Iran. "What we see now is nothing out of the ordinary," he said. The New York Times said intelligence officials have said the flurry of activity appears to reflect Baghdad's fears of an Iranian attack rather than plans of an offensive of its own. The official who spoke to Reuters said that while that may have been the conclusion of government analysts when they first. received "raw" intelligence data, further analysis had led to the conclusion he was now stating. The official said all Iraq's activities seemed to be defensive in nature at this time.

#### EC gives \$13m for Iraqi refugees

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Community has allocated 11.5 million ECUs (\$13.25 million) to finance humanitarian aid for Kurds in northern Iraq and Shiites in southern Iraq, the European Commission said here Thursday. It said in a statement that there were still many refugees in the two regions, more than two years after the Gulf war in 1991, and that there was a pressing need for emergency medical and food aid. The commission added that water, sanitary facilities and affordable heating and cooking oil were also scarce in the two regions. Since the Gulf war, the commission has given 120 million ECUs (\$138 million) in relief

#### Drug users may face execution in Iran

NICOSIA (R) - Iran's top anti-drug officer has said police rounded up 8,615 addicts in a five-day sweep and added that repeat offenders might be executed. General Ali Shafiei, quoted by Iranian television late Wednesday, said police also arrested 882 drug dealers, busted 13 smuggling rings and seized 2,238 kilogrammes of drugs from June 16 to 20. "The law sets execution as punishment for drug users who are arrested for addiction for a third time," the television quoted Gen. Shafiei as saying. Iran has executed well over a thousand traffickers and dealers since 1939 when possession of 30 grammes of heroin or five kilogrammes opium became a capital offence. But no one was reported executed for just using drugs. Addicts arrested for the first time are usually detoxicated in rehabilitation centres and released. Tehran newspapers say many go back to drugs. There are an estimated one million drug users in Iran, which lies on a drug route from Afghanistan and Pakistan to Europe. Gen. Shafiei said drug seizures in the current Iranian year which started on March 21 were so far running ahead of last year's. The five-day haul included opium, morphine and hashish, he said. Iran seized 65 tonnes of narcotics in the last Iranian year.

#### Quiz show based on Koran for Arab market

LONDON (R) — Arab and Muslim countries are to be offered a new television quiz show and board game based on the Koran, producers said Thursday. Independent British production company Action Time said the show, to be called "Our Islam," had been given the backing of Muslim leaders and the Saudi Arabian Information Ministry. The company expects to broadcast the show to several countries. "There is a developing market for light entertainment television in Arab countries," a spokesman said. "Obviously we are having to be very careful about this but it will be something a bit like "trivial pursuit" based on the Koran." Waddingtons, the makers of "Monopoly," are producing the

#### Israeli diplomats probed on currency scam

TEL AVIV (R) - The South African ambassador said Thursday his government was satisfied with Israel's investigation of at alleged currency scam by two Israeli diplomats in Pretoria. A source at the Israeli embassy in Pretoria said the South African reserve bank and the Israeli government were investigating the personal accounts of Hagai Regev and Aharon Dagan. They are suspected of having tried to transfer \$500,000 out of South Africa for Israelis and South African Jews. South African Ambassador to Israel Malcolm Ferguson said in a statement he had discussed the case with the Israeli foreign ministry. He said his government was "entirely satisfied that the issue is being properly dealt with and by the embassy of Israel in Pretoria." South Africa, he said, accepted "that these were on the face of it, inappropriate individual actions by members of the Israeli embassy staff." Israeli press reports said the two had served as Israeli defence ministry representatives in South Africa and were no longer working there. The ministry said it was checking the reports.

#### Pinochet denies plans to visit Israel

SANTIAGO (R) - General Augusto Pinochet Thursday denied he was planning to travel to Israel where ministers and members of parliament have said they oppose any visit by Chile's formation military ruler. Gen. Pinochet told the private television channe Megavision he had requested no travel papers and had not asked for an invitation from Israel or anywhere else. Israeli media have been filled with reports of a stormy debate between the defence and foreign ministries over whether to invite Gen. Pinochet, who stayed on as Chile's army commander when he handed power to a civilian government in 1990. Gen. Pinochet said he was not affected by the dispute, which he blamed on unspecified political groups in Chile. Revered by supporters for introducing freemarket reforms to Chile and reviled by opponents who hold him responsible for thousands of deaths in a "dirty war" on subversion. Gen. Pinochet has been largely shunned by foreign

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The heatwave which affected Jordan during the past week will start to abate Saturday. Therefore, a gradual drop in temperatures and rise in humidity will take place and winds will be north-westerly moderate to fresh. In Agaba. winds will be northerly fresh and sea

## Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 36, Aqaba 40, Humidity readings: Amman 18 per cent, Aqaba 20 per **EMERGENCIES**

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CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT: Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Thursday receives British Ambassador to Jordan Patrick Eyers at the Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund (QAF). Mr. Eyers presented the fund with a cheque of £27,200 for the third and final stage of a project of . Centre (CEDC), sponsored by the Overseas Desetting up Women's Enterprise Development Units at QAF's social development centres in Irbid, Mafraq, and the Hashemi area of Amman. These units aim to help local women establish small

enterprise projects, by providing them with the necessary skills such as marketing, business plan-ning and market research. The units are established and initial training is provided by a British consulting group, the Community Education Development velopment Agency (ODA). As a result of this project, the Queen Alia Fund is expected to help more women to become self-employed and family

## Number of drug addicts estimated at 950

AMMAN (Petra) — The estimated number of persons suffering from drug addiction in Jordan now stands at 950 and is on the increase mainly because of unemployment among youth, according to the Public Security Department (PSD).

The estimated was announced Friday by Hisham Ensour, head of PSD's Anti-Narcotics division on the eve of Jordan's observance Saturday of the world day for combating drugs.

The sale and use of illicit drugs

are crimes in Jordan. Of the 950 drug uses, police authorities have apprehended 818

between 1983 and 1992, said Col. In the last three years, ending in 1992, Col. Ensour said author-

ities arreted 320 users He said the addiction rate in the country is about three persons for every 10,000 citizens. But he added that indications

are that illicit drug usage is on the

Col. Ensour said combating drug addiction requires the close cooperation of the private and public sectors and social institutions. He stressed that it is the duty of the family and parents to guard against this danger.

Col. Ensour explained that the rapid changes in society's structure witnessed in the country over the past decade, demographic changes, unemployment and the return to Jordan of a large number of expatriates were among the main reasons for the increase in the drug problem, especially

among young people.

Addiction, he warned has no borders and the danger is spreading from Europe and the U.S. to the Arab region at a time when reports continue about major smuggling and drug trafficking

Despite the preventive measures being adopted in Jordan and other parts of the world, drug trafficking and drug addiction are becoming a dangerous problem, said Col. Ensour.

Jordan is not considered a drug consuming country by international standards, but rather a passage way for smugglers and traffickers many of whom have been arrested and their operations in Jordan aborted.

He said the PSD urges Arab and foreign countries to pool their efforts and heed international agreements and protocols on the exchange of information that would help lead to the arrest

Drug addiction is an international problem requiring cooperation among countries in efforts to combat a dangerous menace (File photo)

Coinciding with Col. Ensour's statement, the Arab Interior Minister Council in Tunis issued a

statement appealing to Arab gov-

ernments to spread awareness among the public on the dangers

The statement said that combating the problem is a common responsibility of the school, the family and the private and public

Noting that the Arab society is open to and easily affected by other societies, the statement said that drug addiction should be combated by all means and at all

## Conference to endorse strategy on women

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian national conference scheduled here Tuesday is expected to endorse a national strategy on women as part of Jordan's preparations for the 1995 Peking International Women's Conference.

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At a meeting Thursday und r the chairmanship of Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, a task force was formed to prepare for the conference and present the strategy at Tuesday's meeting as well as at the 1995 Peking confer-

The Princess, who is to lead the Jordanian delegation to the Peking meeting, reviewed the main points of the national strategy and the Jordanian women's participation in the international

Expressing her delight at women's contributions to the various social and economic activities in Jordan, Princess Basma

The task force members include: Inaam Mufti, Haifaa Al Bashir, Haifaa Abu Ghazaleh, Emily Naffa'a, Amal Al Farhan, Siham Al Qasem and Buthaina

Dr. Abu Ghazaleh, who is president of the General Federation of Jordanian Women, noted in an address Princess Basma's continued support for women's unions and their drive to promote the status of women in urban, rural and badia regions and in backing efforts towards involving women in the ongoing process of social and economic develop-

Minister of Social Developments Mohammad Al Sqour, was was present at the meeting, said that the Jordanian delegation to the Peking conference was planning to play a key role and urged women's unions to double contribute significantly towards their efforts and activities at in-

## Arab-American doctors form Jordanian society

AMMAN (J.T.) — As a result of the 5-day Arab-American doctors convention which ended here Thursday, a society for Jordanian physicians in the United States

A statement at the final session said that the new society, which will be headed by fertility specialist Suheil Muasher as president, was aimed at further bolstering ties of conneration among Arab

and American physicians. The society will formulate programmes for exchanged visits, training of Jordanian physicians

In the first half of 1993, said

Arab and foreign airlines landing

at the Queen Alia International

Airport to 18, noted Mr. Jweiber.

Not only has the number of

and nurses and securing financial support for the Jordanian health services, said the statement, read' by Akram Shunnaq, the convention's rapporteur.

The participants in the convention reviewed 140 working papers. of which 40 were presented by Jordanian physicians, said Dr.

They also toured archaeological and tourist sites in the King-

Dr. Shunnaq said that some participants left Friday for the West Bank to visit relatives.

## Human rights stand is strong, convincing — Sharif Fawwaz :

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan's permanent representative at the United Nations European headquarters Sharif Fawwas Sharaf, who headed the Kingdom's de-legation to the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, said Jordan has reiterated its adherence to the principles of democra-

cy and human rights. In an interview with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Sharif Faw-waz described Jordan's stand at the conference and at other international forums on humanitarian, political and economic issa'es as strong and convincing and said it has always gained the Kingdom

respect and support. The path to human rights is a long and arduous one, and needs to be based on three main elements, he said. They are the adherence of the state, the individual and the international community to human rights, he

He underlined the importance of non-governmental organisa-tions in following up and monitoring the human rights situation, stressing that human rights go hand in hand with democracy.

"We in Jordan have crossed a long distance in this regard and have achieved what the conference was trying to achieve during the past 20 years. We adhere to (the principles of) democracy, allow individual freedom and give women the right to vote or run as candidates," Sharif Fawwaz said.

"Furthermore, we do not have prisoners of conscience or politic-

al detainees," he added. He said Jordan had signed all international pacts and conventions on human rights, including the Women's Rights Charter.

## **Princess Sarvath opens** documentry photo exhibit at Oxford University exhibition as being a collection

of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath Al Hassan last week opened a photographic exhibi-tion by Wilfred Thesiger at the Pitt Rivers Museum of Oxford

The exhibition, entitled "A Most Cherished Possession," was attended by over 200 politicians, dignitaries, senior academics and members of the university.
Wilfred Thesiger, who now

lives in northern Kenya, is considered one of the greatest explorer-travellers and travel writers of this century. His journeys are documented in several books, two of which are considered some of the greatest classics in travel litera-

In addressing the gathering, Princess Sarvath described the

of "magnificent photographs which communicate to us a clear-eyed, yet sympathetic understanding of the peoples with whom he travelled and amongst whom he lived."

"Arabian Sands" and The Marsh Arabs," Mr. Thesiger's documentation of his journeys in the Arab World, are considered his finest works.

The Princess described "Arabian Sands" in the words of the late John Glubb who, when reviewing the work for the British Sunday Times, said that Mr. Thesiger "wrote with the colour of real life." The Pitt Rivers Museum,

founded in 1884, is one of the most imporant ethnological museums in the world, In 1991, Mr. Thesiger decided to donate his photographs, his "most cherished possession," to the

museum for the long-term historical record."

As a result, the museum held this, the first photographic exhibition of Mr. Thesiger's work to be held in England, to celebrate his life and achievements as a traveller

and photographer.
The exhibition was followed by a small dinner hosted by the vice chancellor of Oxford University and the president of Magdalen College in honour of Princess Sarvath and Mr. Thesiger.

The dinner was attended by various dignitaries including chairman of Barclays Bank, the director of Refugee Studies Programme at the Oxford University, the president of the Royal Geographic Society, the chairman of the National Trust and the private solicitor to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth

## Meeting urges increase in meat, dairy production

AMMAN (Petra) - A three-day wards that end on concerned ended here Thursday with a call on agriculture ministries to coordinate their efforts with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in order to promote food production and ensure food security for the region's increasing population.

Underlining the need to augment red meat and dairy production in Arab states, a statement issued at the final session called

conference on promoting lives- authorities to provide sufficient tock wealth in the Arab World animal feed, water supplies and other inputs and requirements to help farmers in these endeavours. It also urged veterinary unions

to increase dairy and meat production and said countries like Sudan and Egypt ought to promote the technique of artificial insemination and encourage its use in other Arab countries.

Noting that the cost of animal feed accounts for nearly 70 per cent of the total cost of meat and

said Arab governments should encourage green fodder production and expand pasture lands. The statement recommended boosting the role of cooperatives and establishing dairy council.

At the end of the meetings. which were organised by the Arab Union for Food Industries. three cattle breeding societies in Jordan were honoured and presented with meritorial certificates in recognition of their contribution towards promoting the food industrial sector in the Kingdom.

## Free medical day observed in Talal municipality, Karak

AL QASR, Karak (Petra) -Deputising for Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath Al Hassan, Minister of Health Abdul Rahim Malhas Thursday attended the seventh free medical day organised by the Great Arab Revolt the Qasr district, Karak governo-

Doctors from the private and public sectors participated in the day and offered medical services to citizens free of charge.

Dr. Malhas lauded the efforts of the Great Arab Revolt Club in serving the local society and expressed the ministry's readiness to support the club.

Head of the club's Hashemite Medical Team Nayef Al Abdullat said the aim of this voluntary event was to provide medical and

#### WHAT'S **GOING** NO

**EXHIBITIONS** Exhibition of watercolours, entitled "Landscapes of Jor-dan," by Prof. Elmar Ditt-

mann at the Phoenix Art Gallery, Gardens Street. Paintings by Salem Al Dab-

bagh, Himat Ali and Karim Rassan at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery (10 a.m.-6 p.m.)

\* Art exhibition by 26 Jordanian artists at Eshbeelia Art Gallery, 6th Circle, Amra 

'Childhood" at the Royal Cultural Centre.

#### humanitarian services to needy and medicines free of charge to citizens in Talal and the sur-

rounding areas. The club, Dr. Abdullat said. its operations in the area and the organised several free medical days in the areas of Theeban, most common diseases among the Jafr, the northern badia region, Al Zarqa refugee camp and Al

including milk, medical checkups ances.

the needy, he said. The medical team, he added, will present a detailed report on

citizens. He pointed that the club usually conducts a survey on the area

During the day activities, the to assess the medical situation club offered in-kind assistance, and its surrounding circumst-

## Team returns from ILO Geneva meeting

Now flying to turkey

IS TWICE AS NICE!!

AMMAN (Petra) — Secretary General of the Ministry of Labour Saleh Al Tarawneh Friday returned to Amman after the 80th Conference of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) which convened in Geneva between Jane 9 and 23.

At t' - outset of the session, the Jordanian delegation was headed Jordan's envoy to the United Nations Geneva headquarters Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf who delivered the Kingdom's address to the conference.

It focused on the Jordanian

ment policies and social security plans and programmes.

The address also expressed heading Jordan's delegation to support for a report prepared by the ILO director general on Arab labourers in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories.

Of the most prominent issues discussed by the conferees were social security, unemployment, fighting poverty, the ILO activi-ties, ways of preventing industrial disasters and the role of the organisation in enhancing technical

#### and find the year, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) expects to reach an agreement by which Royal Jordanian (RJ) will open flight routes to Japan, Bang-ladesh and the newly indepen-dent states of the former Soviet CAA Director General Ahmad Jweiber told the Jordan Times recently; that contacts are also underway with the Civil Aviation Authorities of these nations to examine the prospects of their national airlines operating flights

CAA expects to add

to RJ destinations

Mr. Jweiber, the CAA concluded Ahmad Jweiber air transport agreements with

aviation authorities in China, Australia, Iran, the Ukraine, Poland airlines increased, Mr. Jweiber continued, but also the air freight The Royal Dutch Airlines
(KLM) and Austria Airways recently resumed flights to Amman, rasing the total number of and mail as well as the number of passengers arriving in or passing through Jordan in transit has

been on the rise. He added that this is a clear sign of Jordan's recovery from the consequences of the Gulf crisis of 1990.

## Heavy penalties await careless picnickers

Ministry is planning to take drastic measures against people proved to be responsible for fires in the wooded areas of Jor-

A report in the local daily Sawt Al Shaab said Friday that Interior Minister Salameh Hammad issued strict orders to the con-

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Interior cerned authorities to impose penalties on those people, in line with the provisions of the 1992 Civil Defence Law.

It said that the law prohibits any lighting of fires or the use of inflammable materials in national parks, forests and other wooded regions of Jordan.

#### **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Cement factory nets JD 544,000 profit

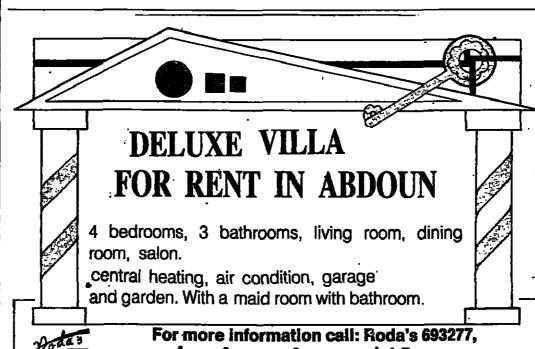
AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Cement Factory Company has announced that it has accumulated a net profit of JD 544,000 from its sales in Jordan and abroad during 1992, and that it will distribute dividends to share holders at the rate of nine per cent. The announcement was made at the company's general assembly meeting held at the Amman Chamber of Industry Thursday during which a general report about the company's operations indicated the company's sold 2.3 million tonnes of cement during last year. Out of this amount 1.041 tonnes were exported.

#### JEA to participate in solar power seminar in Spain

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) is to take part in a seminar on utilising solar power to generate electricity, to be held in Spain on June 28. The prospect of establishing a solar-powered electric generation unit in Jordan will be discussed during the meeting which will also look at experiments conducted in American and European countries in this field

#### Ozone protection meeting to be held in Montreal

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan will participate in the 10th meeting of the Executive Committee of the multi-party Montreal Fund for the Protection of the Ozone Layer scheduled during June 27-30 in Montreal. Secretary-General of the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Asem Ghosheh, who will head the Jordanian delegation to the meetings, said the parley will discuss national programmes in several countries to reduce the production of ozone-depleting material. Mr. Ghosheh said Jordan will present its own national programme which aims at reducing the production of ozone-depleting materials. In addition to Mr. Ghosheh, the Jordanian delegation will include officials from the Ministry's departments of environment and air protection as well as the Ministry of Planning.



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### Right change for democracy

REPRESENTATIVES FROM all shades of Jordan's political spectrum will later this month be called to study the possibilities of changing the Election Law on the constitutional basis that all citizens are equal in rights and duties. The step is expected to generate strong opposition from members of Parliament and other political forces who have maintained that changes to the law would be neither legal nor democratic unless approved by the Lower House.

The disagreement over the legality of changing the Election Law through a temporary legislation — an issue on which parties from both sides of the fence present arguments they claim have the weight of law will have to be settled by specialists in the appropriate forum and, until now, is a point of contention. What is crystal clear, however, is that the current law is not conducive to fair elections. On that issue, there does not seem to be much division among Jordanians.

The problems with the legislation are many: It leads to over-representation of some parts and groups in the country and to under-representation of others; it denies citizens the constitutional right to equality one can elect more candidates than the other, and, among other things, it prevents citizens who have reached the legal age from voting.

That needs to be changed but the challenge is articulating the alternative. Having Jordanians go to the next polls under a new law that guarantees equality for all citizens without disturbing the delicate political and social balance of the country is a task which people who will undertake should approach with utmost care, objectivity and concern for the country's long-term stability and well-being:

Most of the debate about the mature of the possible change have so far centred on introducing the oneperson-one-vote system to the law. Such a change, however, would not bring about the desired outcome unless it is accompanied by corresponding changes in redrawing districts, the voting age, the quota system and the bureaucracy of voters' registration.

. In short, any changes to the law should be allencompassing and designed to endure for a long time. It would be against the country's interest to keep changing the law every few years.

Jordan does need a new and fairer election law, one that ensures stability and the consolidation of democracy. But the one thing that needs to be reemphasised here is that changes in the law should not be perceived to be targetting one or other political group in particular. That could be done both by the inclusion of all political forces in the process of change and by addressing all loopholes in the current law. No political group should be given the chance to claim it was the victim of the change and thus jump on the wagon of martyrs to reach Jordan's 12th Parliament.

#### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

THE ENTHUSIASTIC welcome accorded to King Hussein during his current visit to the United States reflects the respect which the Monarch enjoys among nations and the much improved U.S.-Jordanian ties in the wake of the Gulf crisis, said Sawt Al Sheab Arabic daily. Over the past 40 years, the King has succeeded in winning the respect of the world community, and through his efforts, he was able to gain support for Arab rights and continued backing for his struggle to attain peace in the Middle East, said the paper. The Clinton administration has listened carefully and attentively to the King's ideas and welcomed his views towards the establishment of peace and stability in the region, continued the daily. The result was that the U.S. administration has now expressed absolute willingness to act seriously and with renewed efforts to give momentum to the Arab-Israeli negotiations for the sake of attaining the aspired peace, the paper added. There is no doubt, said the paper, that the King's visit was successful and his talks with Mr. Clinton and U.S. officials have borne good fruit. It said that the visit and the fruitful talks are bound to reflect most positively on the U.S.-Jordanian relations.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour cast a pessimistic view at the outcome of the current 10th round of Arab-Israeli negotiations in Washington. Mazen Hammad said that it was strange to hear U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher announcing that progress was about to be achieved in the current talks as there are no signs to justify such optimism. Is it a real conception or prediction or just throwing dust in the eyes and stalling for time before the formal announcement that the talks ended in total failure? asked the writer. If progress is to be achieved in the coming few days, as Mr. Christopher claims, the U.S. secretary did not give any reasons for such optimism, neither did he mention any concessions on the part of the Israelis to help achieve some progress, said the writer. Hammad said that there has been no let-up in the obstinate Israeli stand. neither did the Israeli government ease its inhuman measures against the Palestinians to pave the ground for a settlement. He said that there is no indication yet that the Israelis are willing to grant the Palestinians autonomous rule that would be followed by an independent state. One has to wait and see, said the writer, whether the Israelis and the Palestinians will soon reach agreement on a declaration of common principles for settling the issue, and if that is forthcoming, added the writer, one could say that a little progress has been achieved.

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#### THE WEEK IN PRINT

## King's visit to U.S. bound to boost peace talks

Reviewed by Elia Nasrallah

Sawt Al Shaab.

in the peace process, said the

He said that before the start

of the 10th round, and during the past week, the feeling of

disappointment has been

deepening among the Arabs who are truly inclined towards

peace and this is mainly be-

cause Washington has not yet

lived up to expectations, said

the writer. He said that unless

the U.S. administration acted

in the direction of settling the

issue over Jerusalem, the cur-

rent round would not achieve

Sawt Al Shaab daily said that King Hussein's visit to the United States and his talks with

the Clinton administration offi-

cials are bound to improve the

atmosphere of Arab-Israeli

peace negotiations and give

impetus to the process aimed

The King has repeatedly warned against losing the pre-

sent opportunity of reaching a

durable settlement, noting that

the Middle East could be fac-

ing a new cycle of hostilities

The paper echoed the King's

call for full implementation of

U.N. resolutions and respect

of the international legitimacy

if a durable peace is to be

Sultan Hattab, a columnist

in Al Ra'i daily, said that the

King has delivered the Arab

Nation's message to the United

States that it seeks peace and

justice. Besides seeking im-

proved U.S.-Jordanian rela-

tions, the King has made it

clear that Jordan was trying to

present itself as a model of

democracy before the world in

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JORDANIAN ARABIC attention on His Majesty King Hussein's current visit to the United States, the resumption of the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations in Washington and domestic issues.

In an article entitled "The 10th round of peace talks and a step backwards," Ibrahim Al Absi, who writes for Al Ra'i Arabic daily, cast a very gloomy look at the current talks held in Washington between the Arab and Israeli de-

The United States, which had pledged to play the role of full partner in the peace process, has once again proved to be totally biased towards Israel, advocating the Israeli delegation's views and ideas supporting the Israeli govern-

ment in its repression of the Palestinians, said the writer. It is clear that the United States is playing the role of full supporter of Israel, exercising pressures on the Palestinians and the Arab delegations, said the writer. He said that there can be no chance for the current talks to make a headway, in light of the U.S. administra-

tion's attitude. In the view of Hamadeh Faraaneh, a columnist in Al Dustour, the current talks in Washington do not aim at implementing the U.N. Security Council resolutions, but rather at drawing up a new map for the Arab region in favour of Israel's expansionist policies and U.S. interests.

If the current talks do not achieve any progress towards a settlement, one can only feel delighted because it reflects the strong unity of the Arab parties vis-a-vis the U.S.-Israeli alliance, said the writer.

It has been clear that the Americans are continually pressuring the Arabs to give Israel more concessions, while no pressure is being applied on Israel to end its intransigence, added the writer.

What the Arab masses hope, said the writer, is continued cohesion among the Arab parties in order to abort the Israeli-American plots. Salameh Ekour voiced critic-

ism of the current U.S.-Israeli military cooperation, noting that news about such cooperation has been announced during the Arab-Israeli talks in Washington. If Israel is truly inclined towards peace with the Arabs, why then is news leaked about agreements between Washington and the Jewish state on developing bal-

listic missiles and advanced has made it clear that through war planes? asked the writer in pursuing the struggle towards democracy and pluralism, Jor-Of course the Arabs are dan was trying to prevent viojustified to pursue the course lence and explosive situations of peace, said the writer, but similar to those that have been what are they doing vis-a-vis taking place in Egypt, Somalia, such cooperation among their Algeria, Yugoslavia and other enemies in the military field?

parts of the world.
Saleh Al Qallab, a columnist in Al Dustour, accused the Israeli intelligence, the Mossad, of being behind the he went on. The Arabs should, like Israel, contemplate the military option and think seriously of arming themselves in self-defence, he demanded. current spate of explosions in Egypt. Israel, and not the Taher Al Udwan, a columnist in Al Dustour, said that mists, has a real interest in there can be no progress in the undermining the Egyptian economy by scaring off tourists and shaking the unity of the Egyptian society, said the wri-ter. One has to realise that the peace talks unless Israel gives up its intransigent position with regard to the status of Jerusalem. The Arabs are now testing the United States' cre-Arabs' struggle with Israel is dibility and waiting to see if the one of survival and it should be U.S. administration is serious about its claim that it will be realised that Israel would stop at nothing in order to weaken the Arabs and dominate their playing the role of full partner

region. Mousa Kilani, a columnist in Al Dustour, strongly attacked the United States, for linking its aid to the Arab and Islamic governments, to these countries' readiness to stille the Islamic moment. Citing a report in the Washington Post, the writer said that the U.S. administration has recently made it clear to Turkey that American aid to Ankara would only be forthcoming when and if the Turkish government took serious steps to fight the Islam-

Another advocate of the Muslim communities was Abdul Rahim Omar who said that while the United Nations continues its efforts to fight the warlords in Somalia and end the civil strife there, it is doing nothing to save the Muslims from the Serbian aggression.

The columnist, who writes in Al Ra'i, said that the Muslims of Bosnia-Herzegovina are being denied the right to arm themselves in the face of the onslaught while the Serbs are being encouraged to annihilate the civilian population, with the United Nations standing idle by, offering no help to save the innocent civilians.

Ahmad Dabbas, a columnist in Al Ra'i daily, said that Jordan has playeti a fromunita-rian role in hosting the Bosnian families and offering help to the displaced civilians. Despite cult economic circumstances, the Kingdom is extending a helping hand to those facing aggression, as it did to the hundreds of thousands of evacuees and expatriates in the wake of the Gulf war, said the

He said that the world com-

munity should take lessons from the Jordanian charitable act and the Kingdom's manwards any human beings facing the threat of death.

Nazih, a columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily, criticised Radio fordan's foreign service for broadcasting a variety of songs and news about the outside world without tackling domes-

The writer said that a news bulletin or a programme on the foreign service seldom tackle an issue of concern to the residents of Jordan, the radio rather covers those topics that are of interest to the higher social classes, like receptions held at hotels and bazaars that are only attended by the wealthier. Nothing about the economy, culture and social life in Jordan, he said, is being discussed or reported by Radio Jordan's foreign service.

Salameh Ekour, a columnist in Sawt Al Shaab daily, criticised the local political parties for failing to discuss the social and economic life in the various covernorates, particularly in the rural regions of Jordan.

One can easily detect the difficult living conditions of people outside Amman from the complaints aired over the call-in-radio programme, said the writer.

He said that the people in the rural regions complain of lack of health and social services and appeal for help from the central authorities in Amman, while political parties newspaper suffice themselves with discussions of the situation in the former Yugoslavia and Afghanistan. Fahd Al Fanck, a columnist

in Al Ra'i, said that the executive authority alone has the power and the prerogative to determine whether an amendment to the present Election Law should be introduced or not in the absence of the legislative authority. The writer said that those

who oppose the government's amendment of the law have only the courts to complain to, but they cannot deprive the government of its right to issue temporary laws considered necessary to ensure social jus-

The writer said that no one had opposed the government's decision to abolish the martial law without referring to Parliament, and it would be foolish now to stop the government from taking other important decisions to safeguard the national interest.

## Rights conference major breakthrough for women

By Wendy Lubetkin

VIENNA - Hundreds of women's rights groups from around the world are proving to be the most "dynamic force" at the U.N. World Conference on Human Rights, says Felice Gaer. a public member of the U.S. delegation to the conference. "They are the most well-organised, and they are the most focused on their objective which is putting women's rights on the world human rights agenda, Ms. Gaer, executive director of Jacob Blaustein Institute for Human Rights, explained in an interview midway through the

wo-week meeting.
Women's efforts, Ms. Gaer said, now dovetail with those of the U.S. government, which has "turned a corner" and made the integration of women's rights throughout the U.N. system an important goal at the conference. Rallying under the slogan "Women's Rights are Human Rights," women's rights groups have cast a spotlight on issues such as violence against women. sexual exploitation, genital mutilation, female infanticide.

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political and economic discrimination, and abuses within the family, she noted.

In many respects, she said, the Vienna Conference has already been a victory for women: "The final declaration of the world conference will be a real marker for women's rights. It establishes women as part of the agenda, and it is really a breakthrough."

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, in an earlier address to the conference, called the need to guarantee women's human rights a "moral imperative."

charter were "determined to write a document that would protect and empower women as well as men," Mr. Christopher told conference participants representing over 180 U.N. member states. "But that remains an unfulfilled vision in too many parts of the world, where women are subjected to discrimination and bias solely based on their

Some nations at the conference have tried to undermine the principle of the universality of human rights, saying that specific historic and cultural situations must be taken into consideration, but placing cultural limitations or economic preconditions on human rights is seen by women's groups as particularly damaging

"When men talk about cultural relativism they want to deny women's rights by saying that it is a question of cultural identity." said Hamida Mirabet Labidi, a lawyer from Tunisia. Although Tunisia has progressive laws pro-

"A document that would protect and empower women as well as men remains an unfulfilled vision in too many parts of the world, where women are subjected to discrimination and bias solely based on their gender."

tecting women. Ms. Labidi said. Islamic extremists in her country are pressing to have the rights of women revoked.

Like many women at the conference, Ms. Labidi said that she had come to Vienna to meet groups from other countries and to learn from their experiences. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) from all regions of the world are meeting on the ground floor of the same building where the U.N. conference is taking

A glance at a six-page list of NGO activities for a single day

during the conference revealed that about a third of the activities focused on women's issues. Groups ranging from Women Living under Muslim Law to the Asian Women's Human Rights Council are participating in workshops and debate, on a wide range of topics - but a common . theme uniting all the women's groups here is how to prevent violence against women.

"If you are looking for an issue that is truly universal, it is vio-lence against women," said U.S. delegation member Arvonne Fraser, A U.S. State Department fact sheet circulated at the conference points out that violence against women is rarely seen as a human rights violation, "even though abuse of such magnitude against any other group would be recognised as a major humanita-

To focus international attention on the issue, a coalition of women's groups organised an 11-hour "Global Tribunal on Violations of Women's Hum a Rights" on the second day of the conference. Over a thou and people listened to the test nony of 33 women, including a Fakistani woman who related 'low she had been set aftre by her own family, a Korean 'comfort woman," and an Afro-American woman who told of sattery in the home by her former husband, a police officer.

Women from Bosnia-Herzego-vina, Croatia, Somalia and other war-torn regions said that war crimes were being perpetrated against women in the name of "morale boosting" and "ethnic cleansing." Evidence submitted to the tribunal also included an Iranian document specifying the size of the stones which could be thrown at women accused of

Earlier this year, the 1993 session of the U.N. Human Rights Commission decided in principle to appoint a U.N. special rapporteur to investigate violence against women, a U.S.-supported measure which is endorsed and

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welcomed in the draft final declaration of the World Conference. The U.S. wants the special rapporteur's mandate to include the power to investigate battering in the family, rape, semale infanticide, "honour killings," "dowry murder," and other violence related to traditional and customary practices.

Women's groups also welcomed Mr. Christopher's announcement that the Clinton administration will push for rati-fication of the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) after the Senare ratifies another U.N. convention on racism.

CEDAW is the primary international legal instrument to protect women's human rights. Constitutional, legislative and other measures described in the convention seel; to promote equality through affirmative action. maternity protection, equal employment opportunities, and equality before the law.

To date 120 countries have ratified the convention and are thus legally bound to put its provisions into practice. But women's rights advocates point out that many states have attached reservations to the treaty which are so fundamental that they basically negate its purpose. In addition. Ms. Gaer noted, many countries which have ratified the convention do not have very developed legal systems, and women have no recourse for enforcement,

"The difference with America is that when we sign a treaty, that means we are actually going to implement it." Ms. Gaer said. More to the point, it gives us the standing with other countries to talk with them about how they treat women in their societies"— United States Information

## **Experts look for terrorism** to get worse, not better

By Ruth Sinai

The Associated Press VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. --Toxins funneled through air conditioning vents? Nuclear weapons detonated on a city street? A missile fired at an airport?

It used to be the material of science fiction and thriller novels. No more, say U.S. and international terrorism experts who gathered here last week at the Pentagon's request to map the future of terrorism.

Their conclusion: Prospects for terrorist attacks are everexpanding and increasingly chill-

The U.S. government, worried that it lacks a long-term strategy to deal with catastrophic attacks at home and abroad, has undertaken an ambitious project to divine the future of terrorism until 2010: who will carry out attacks, how, when and where, and against whom?

"We need to know the array of things that can slam dunk us. even those eventualities that appear a remote threat but could have devastating impact." said air force Col. E. Douglas Menarchik, terrorism policy director at the Department of Defence.

The grim future predicted by terrorism experts stands in contrast to current statistics: in 1992, according to an annual State Department report, the number of nternational terrorist attacks dropped to 361 — the lowest level

But experts argue that the number of domestic terrorist attacks around the world is constantly growing and can affect U.S. interests even if Americans aren't targeted. And, they say, statistics are misleading because a devastating attack like the 1988 killing of 270 people on Pan Am Flight 103 is counted the same as a grenade attack on an American Express office in Europe that

Primarily, these experts con-tend that the downward trend is being reversed by two major developments: the disintegration of the Soviet Bloc that is spawning national and ethnic strife in Europe, and the rise of Muslim militancy in the Middle East.

The latter has spread its tentacles as far as New York. The February bombing of the World Trade Centre — allegedly the work of fervent Muslims brought home to Americans that they were no longer immune from the terrorism that has plagued Europe and the Middle

Religious terrorism can also affect U.S. interests even if not conducted against Americans, said Peter Probst, a Pentagon specialist on terrorism. For example, if the growing Islamic terror in Egypt succeeds in unseating pro-western President Hosni Mubarak, he said, the United States could find itself confronted with an unfriendly government in the oil-rich Middle East. Its self-declared status as the world's sole remaining superpower could make the United States even more vulnerable.

\*The United States is a target of hatred and enmity for many people around the world," said Alberto Coll, deputy assistant secretary of defence for special operations and low-intensity con-

In fact, despite the drop in international attacks, Americans continue to account for about 40 per cent of the targets, according to the State Department report.

Coll and others predicted that although Iran and Libya, two of the world's primary sponsors of terrorism, have been subdued in recent months -- Libya by international sanctions over its refusal to hand over the alleged bombers of Pan Am 103, and Iran by a desire for improved economic relations with the West - neither has disavowed terrorism.

The unrest in Europe, a result

cialists who note that it was a single assassin's bullet in a destabilised Europe that launched World War I in 1914. Growing neo-Nazi terrorism in Germany could end up killing more people than the Marxist groups active in the 1970s, said Paul Wilkinson, a British coun-

of powerful nationalist forces and

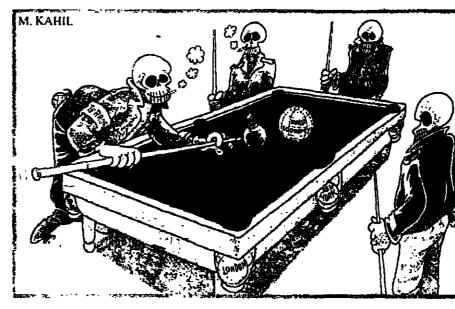
massive immigration flows, is of

great concern to terrorism spe-

been killed. German fascist groups have in the past had loose contacts with white supremacists in the United States, said Bruce Hoffman, a terrorism expert at the Rand Corporation, Mr. Hoffman and others said American groups could become emboldened by the growing strength of their European

ter-terrorism specialist. Already this year, he said, 22 people have

Experts are divided on whether terrorists will resort to chemical, biological or even nuclear war-





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States, as the co-sponsor of the talks along with Russia, "is to try to help the negotiations be successful," Mr. Christopher said. "And if there's something that would break down the impediments that now exist, of course, we'd want to cooperate with

Following is the transcript of emarks by Mr. Christopher and King Hussein prior to their meeting at the State Department.
Mr. Christopher: I'm most

pleased to welcome to the State Department His Majesty King Hussein. He is a long-time friend of the United States. We are very fortunate to be having an extended visit here ranging over several days, and I can tell you that it's been a very, very successful visit. We are most admiring of the steps that the King has taken toward democratisation in his country. They have been very progressive and very desirable

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We are also indebted to him for his consistent support of the peace process in the Middle East. think he has been a leader in this area for some time and I am very grateful to have him assisting us in trying to move that process forward. Of course, we are also grateful to him for the enforcement of the United Nations sanctions in the Middle East against Iraq. This is a visit in which we have emphasised a number of very close and common purposes that we have with his country and also emphasised our long-time friendship with him. So, your Majesty, it's a great honour and pleasure to have you here at the State Department.

King Hussein: Thank you very much indeed. Thank you very much, sir. Today is my last day in Washington. I would like to say how happy I have been with the visit — with the privilege of meeting the President, with the impression he left upon me of his knowledge, his determination to contribute his utmost for the establishment of a just, comprehensive and durable peace in our Q: Mr. Secretary, on that topic,

region. He struck me, as he must have struck the American people. as a man of principle, a genuine person, and I am indeed proud of the friendship that has come to be between us. I believe that this continues a friendship which has been there between our two countries over many, many years - certainly the forty years of time when I had the honour to serve and lead the people of

Jordan. Our ideas are the same objectives, principles that we uphold - and we hope that we can contribute towards the breaking of the new dawn of peace and better future for the generations to come in our region and to cooperate in many fields and areas the world over. I thank you very, very much indeed, sir, and I thank all our friends who have made it such a wonderful and memorable visit. This is indeed a chance for us, as old friends, again maybe to have some talks before we prepare to leave Washington. I am always proud of our friendship.

Mr. Christopher: Thank you, King Hussein. Q: Mr. Secretary, is the United

States committed to the letters of assurances for the Palestinians concerning Jerusalem?

Mr. Christopher: We remain committed to the letters of assurances that were given in connection with the Madrid Conference and the restarting of the peace negotiations. We have indicated that to the parties as the process was restarted here in the United States. We are working closely with the parties in that difficult subject. We have been in close touch with all the bilateral negotiations. They are of a substantive level, and the parties are grappling with some extremly difficult issues. The King has lent his support to us in trying to resolve those issues; and, as I say, I would confirm that the United States continues to support the letters of assurance that were given at the time of the Madrid

this morning both the Syrians and the Israelis alluded to the fact that there may need to be some change to the Madrid format. Is that something that the adminis-tration is working on or would be open to?

Mr. Christopher: We think that the emphasis ought to be on dealing with the substantive probiems. I'm not sure that there is any need for process or procedural changes; and, as I have said before, it seems to me that it is desirable not to get bogged down or diverted by procedural changes. At the same time, we don't close our mind to anything the parties would suggest; but we're the sponsors along with Russia, and I think that our main goal is to try to help the negotiations be successful. If there is something that would break down the impediments that now exist of course we would want to cooperate with that. Thank you.

The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali, Royal Court Chief Khaled Al Karaki, His Royal Highness Prince Talal Ben Mohammad, the King's military secretary, Finance Minister Sami Gammo, Planning Minister Zeid Fariz, Jordan's Ambassador to the U.S. Fayez Tarawneh and Chief of Royal Protocol Mohammad Al Adwan.

Senator Mitchell and Sen. Dole held talks with the King in a joint meeting and later expressed hope that Congress could have a better working relationship with Jordan. Mr. Mitchell said after the

"Senator Dole and I had a good and very friendly and informative meeting with the King and we look forward to the meeting with the larger group of senators as is our practice. "We told him that he brought

us together today we have been debating the budget, and we have been on opposite sides on the budget for a couple of days and it took the King to bring us together and we appreciate that.

"But we hope that those talks,

the King's meeting with the president and other steps will build upon the relations between the two countries, improve them, and we value of the '.ing's advice and counsel particularly in respect to the peace process that's under-

way now in the Middle East." Asked whether a better understanding by the Congress on issues relating to Jordan could be expected, Mr. Mitchell said: "We

hope that to be the case." Mr. Dole said: "(There has) never been a problem with the two of us, and we also are deeply grateful for the help with the Bosnian refugees and also your efforts in Croatia. We understand you have about a thousand

The King said Jordan was planning to double its troops in

The meeting was attended by Queen Noor and members of the delegation accompanying the

Later Thursday, the King met with several members of the Palestinian delegates to the peace

Delegation leader Faisal Husseini conveyed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's greetings to the King and voiced appreciation for the King's efforts to achieve a just, lasting and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian problem, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

King Hussein was briefed by the Palestinian peace delegates on developments on the Israeli-Palestinian negotiating track.
The King expressed apprecia-

tion for efforts exerted by Palestinian negotiators and "the courage they showed in participating in the talks with the aim of defending the national and political rights of the Palestinian people," Petra said.

The King underlined "the Palestinian team, which included Saeb Erekat, Nabil Shaath and Akram Haniyah, the importance of Arab coordination, mainly Jordanian-Palestinian coordina-

#### 8 suspects said linked to blast

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James Fox, head of the New York FBI office, said: "The joint terrorist task force has been beefed up. The only point in my recollection that it's been larger than it is now is at the time of the Gulf war."

Investigators said they had known of the bombing plans since early May through a secret infor-mant. They acted when it became clear the group was coming close to carrying out its plot.

They said they were looking

closely at links between those arrested on Thursday and the six charged with the Feb. 26 World Trade Centre bombing. Coordinated attacks were plan-

ned for July 4, the U.S. inde-pendence day holiday, the New York post cited an unidentified high-ranking law enforcement source as saying. The attacks would have en

dangered tens of thousands. Thousands of families drive into New York through the tunnels on Independence Day to watch fireworks over the Hudson and East rivers. However, that day is a holiday for thousands of employees in the FBI building

allegedly targeted.
The Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, where the FBI has offices, is occupied by 10,000 people a day; The United Nations has about 15,500 workers and Courists.

The group also planned to assassinate New York State Representative Dov Hikind, an outspoken Orthodox Jew, the FBI

There was no evidence of any



PRIESTLY ADOBE: Hardline Egyptian preacher Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman sits in his apartment in Jersey City, New Jersey, after holding a press conference to discuss the arrest of eight Muslims

page 1). Police searched Shelkh Abdul Rahman's apartment and removed books and papers for inspection Thursday (AFP photo)

foreign connection in the conspiracy, officials said. But a U.N. source said the FBI had requested information of diplomats from Sudan and Libya.

The suspects — five Sudanese nationals with permanent U.S. resident status, one believed to be a Muslim from Puerto Rico. one an American Muslim and the other's background unclear also discussed bombing unspecified "other military and gov-ernmental targets," the complaint said.

The motive was not known. In the safehouse were five drums of a homemade explosive made from dieseal fuel and fertiliser — the combination used in the trade centre bomb, authorities said. The unidentified informant had rented the apartment.

"As we entered the bomb factory, the five subjects were actually mixing the withches' brew," Mr. Fox said. Agents who took part said "the smell of fumes reporters at the White House that from the mixture was almost overpowering."

The fuel arrived Wednesday just hours before the arrests, the complaint said. The safebouse, a garage in the rear of a Queens storefront, was under physical and electronic surveillance, the FBI said.

frequent presence at the trial of Al Sayyid Nosair, who was con-victed of weapons charges in Rabbi Mein Kahane's Death, said the attorney for both, William Kunstler.
President Bill Clinton said Fri-

day during brief comments to he was reassured by the law enforcement's ability to deal aggressively with terrorist threats.

And former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) director Robert Gates said on NBC television Friday that "people should take heart from the bureau's The alleged ringleader, Siddiq (FBI) extraordinary performance Ibrahim Siddiq Ali, 32, was a in this case."

## Amman stock market boom seen picking up

#### (Continued from page 1)

In the final two days of trading at the AFM last week, prices started crawling up again, and brokers expect this trend to continue when the market reopens Saturday.

The number of contracts and shares involved in last week's trading was markedly lower than the previous week, and this bears out the theory that buvers and sellers were deliberately staying away from the market, the broker pointed

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"Things have more or less cleared now, and it is evident that it is private savings that is playing the key role in the market rather than loans extended by the commercial banks," said an official at the Central Bank.

'We are continuing to keep a close watch on the situation, said the official, who preferred. anonymity. "Obviously we cannot tell the people not to trade in the market, but our message to them was that 'be prudent and careful'."

This message appears to have received "loud and clear," said AFM brokers. "It prompted the investors to stop. prompted the investors a closer

look at all elements in the market," said a veteran dealer who has seen the ups and downs in the market for many

"Obviously what they saw was not exactly discouraging... The money invested in shares remained very much in the market, and there was no panic

Brokers attributed the boom at the AFM in the last two years after several years of stagnation to a combination of factors. These include: Prospects for Arab-Israeli

Scepticism over the Middle East process is nowhere near the optimism that the process would be successful and would have a spiralling effect on the Jordanian economy," said the chief executive at the regional office of an international bank.

This has attracted many investors to transfer their foreign holdings to Jordan and a good part of the money that we see

wake of the Gulf crisis.

"More than 90 per cent of

selling," said the broker.

at the AFM today represents their funds," said the banker. - High liquidity as a result

of funds brought in by expatri-ates who returned from Kuwait and other Gulf states in the

my clients now are new faces to me," said a broker, who has been in the market since 1989. "Almost all of them are Jeturnees from Kuwait, with an average investment of JD

100,000 each of their own funds at the AFM." - Low interest rates offered by commercial banks are prompting depositors to turn

Annual dividends on shares had never been a major encouraging factor for investors, said the banker, noting that even if some of the leading companies were to offer 100 per cent dividend on its shares it would still be negligible when compared with the actual investment on the shares.

- Slowdown in other sectors of the economy and an abundance of firms involved in the traditionally higher-profitmaking areas.

— Commercial bank credits

derived from excess liquidity resulting from deposits. "Even the 50 per cent ceiling imposed by the Central Bank gives enough leeway for the banks to extend credit to individuals for trading in shares," noted a

- Favourable reports in the international press.

the AFM were encouraged to enter the market after a series man was one of the fastfactors in deciding their losses or profits," said the regional

Bids by European investors to have access to the Amman market.

foreign funds could come into play at AFM.

## Some of the "new faces" at

of reports in internationally reputed newspapers and magazines that the bourse in Amgrowing in the Third World. "In addition, the regulatory practices and safety mechan-ism applied by the authorities seem to have assured them that their own judgment and spe-culative skills are the ultimate

Non-Jordanians are prohibited by law from dealing in Jordanian stock. But the market is awash with rumours that several groups of European investors who visited Jordan in the past two years are seeking government permission to enter the market, and this has encourged a few Jordanian investors to stake positions ahead of the possibility that

#### changes in the format of their with regard to the level of Amernegotiations which began in 1991 in Madrid.

for us," he said. But the prime minister said he

was "convinced that we and the Arabs have passed the point of no return on the way to peace." "I think that most of the Arab

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parties are determined to pursue the negotiations as long as there is a dash of hope to reach an agreement, even a minimum accord, and this is also our position," he added.

In Beirut, a spokesman for the Lebanese Foreign Ministry meanwhile reported that Mr. Christopher sent an unspecified mes-sage to Foreign Minister Fares

On Thursday, Israel rejected a tiators have reached an agree-U.S. proposal to withdraw part of ment on an agenda for their its troops from the Israeli self- bilateral talks declared "security zone" in southern Lebanon to test the capacity of the Beirnt government to police its border.

Arabs and Israel have called for more U.S. assertiveness in the peace process. "We have just been going

through the motions with the Israelis during this session waiting for the U.S. to step in," said Palestinian adviser Nabil Shaath. He suggested the Palestinians and Israelis should now discuss the final plan for the occupied

"The Palestinians must see the end of the tunnel before agreeing to anything," he said.

Dr. Shaath's team contends that self-rule must lead to independence throughout the occupied territories, including East Jerusalem while the Israelis want to keep all options open and have refused to discuss East Jeru-

Under the terms of the letter inviting the parties to the peace talks, negotiations on the final plan for the occupied territories must begin in the third year of the interim period of autonomy. To date, Israel has refused to negotiate the final status of the territor-

The Syrian-Israeli bilateral meetings have come no further in the notion of some changes and a their second week of talks, couple of these changes have prompting the Israelis to suggest already occurred, particularly

"If several more sessions as

Christopher, Rabin 'exchange ideas'

outlined by the Madrid conference fail to achieve any progress, we would consider making some changes," said Israeli chief negotiator Itamar Rabinovich.

He added, however, we would not support a radical departure from the framework established for the talks,

Syrian negotiator Mouaffaq Allaf said his delegation was holding to the position that a total withdrawal of Israeli troops from the Golan Heights must precede any peace agreement: Meanwhile, Jordanian nego-

but said they would not ratify the pact until progress has been made between the Israelis and Palesti-"We believe that the primary

focus of the talks is the dialogue between the Israelis and the Palestinians," said Jordanian spokesman Marwan Muasher. Israel and Jordan drafted the

agreement back in October but have continued to work out some of their differences, particularly a provision concerning their bor-A senior Israeli negotiator at

the peace talks said Thursday there could be changes in the basic ground rules for the discussions, especially if future sessions fail to achieve results. As he entered the State De-

partment for Thursday's talks, Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's chief negotiator with Syria, said a recently-intensified U.S. role at the talks represented change, and more could be in prospect.

But he said the Israelis were reluctant to change the format established by former Secretary of State James Baker some 20 months ago when the U.S.sponsored talks began.

"If for several rounds, the format as such does not yield... results, then we might entertain ican involvement," said Mr. Rabinovich, who is also Israel's ambassador in Washington. The ground rules — known as

the Madrid format after an October 1991 Middle East peace meeting in Spain — call for direct bilateral negotiations between Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and the Palestinians sponsored by the United States and the former Soviet Union.

cautiously to the possibility of any change in ground rules, telling reporters: "Before giving any judgment on whether we are in favour or not in favour, we have to know what are these changes." Mr. Allaf said he would favour

Syrian negótiator Allaf reacted

"any change that would make the prehensive peace a matter of priority and urgency. Palestinians favour changing the Madrid format to enable

direct talks between Israel and and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).
"Some of the impediments that prevented progress in the negotiations stemmed from the inhe-

rent flaws and handicaps of the Madrid framework," said spokeswoman Ashrawi. Head of the Palestinian team to the peace talks Faisal Al Husseini said Friday the 10th round of

talks was a round of intensive American contacts, especially for the Palestinian side, where the negotiations had started to become serious. In an interview with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Husseini voiced hope that the Amer-

ican contacts would bear fruit and meet Palestinian demands and a strong U.S. role was needed to reach a just, comprehensive and permanent settlement in the Mid-

He said the issues of occupied Jerusalem and Israeli settlements were the main obstacles impeding progress in the negotiations,

stressing that Palestinians cannot ignore the issue of Jerusalem at any time. Israel, he said, should stop making any changes in Jerusalem that might lead to the imposition of any formula by one

side on the other. He pointed that the Palestinian-Israeli working committees were reformed with the aim of defining the principles of negotiations.

He said a group of Palestinian youths sent last week to Amman for training reasons is not in any way related to the proposed Palestinian police force. They will be trained on ways of guarding Palestinian institutions during the interim period, and will not be trained on any kind of weapons,

he said. He added that when they return home they will not carry arms "because how can they carry arms if they cannot use them to defend a Palestinian boy being beaten and insulted by an Israeli

Mr. Husseini said the Palestinian delegation to the peace talks does not need protection from the Palestinian people, but it should take the responsibility of guarding the Palestinian delegation's premises and institutions. whether in Gaza, Jerusalem, Nablus, or Hebron, from any possible attacks by Israeli settlers or thieves, especially that these places contain documents related

to the negotiating process.

He added that the responsibility of protecting international figures visiting the premises of the delegation in the occupied territories is fully Palestinian and no Israeli security force has anything to do with protecting Palestinian places and their guests.

Mr. Husseini denied press re-

ports saying that the Palestinians and Israelis are holding negotiations in the occupied territories, stressing the only negotiations between them are being held in Washington.

## Gulf states spend on defence at expense of development

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Oil-rich Gulf Arab states worried about Iraq and Iran are spending billions of dollars on defence at the expense of economic development, diplomats and experts said.

Gulf Coopertion Council

(GCC) states spent about 20 per

cent of their annual budgets on

development in the past decade,

compared to 40 per cent before the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war and the 1991 Gulf war, official Arab figures show. And despite the return of peace, GCC states believe they are still threatened given their vast oil wealth and weak military

power and they have embarked

on major plans to bolster their

h.

"With the end of the war, Gulf states could focus more on economic development but security concerns will remain their obsessjon," a Gulf-based Western diplomat said. "Such concerns will naturally prompt them to increase defence spending and this could be at the expense of de-

velopment. Official Arab figures show GCC states - Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) — spent a record \$45 billion on defence and security in 1992, mostly in contribution to an allied campaign to evict Iraqi

sharply after a surge during the Gulf war, such spending created their worst-ever budget deficit, which stood at \$27.6 billion compared with around \$16 billion in

Development spending accounted for around 16 per cent of the total expenditure in 1992. while it stood at 21.7 per cent in 1991, 15.3 per cent in 1990 and as high as 46 per cent in 1980. Aid was also affected by the war and lower oil prices, with GCC states extending less than \$2 billion in 1991 compared with an annual average of \$5 billion before the

Proposed energy taxes by the United States and the European Community could also be at the expense of development and aid by GCC states on the grounds they will harm demand for oil and depress their earnings.

Despite efforts to boost the private sector's role, government spending in the Gulf has remained the main factor in economic activity. This explains the sharp slowdown in regional economies, which grew by around five per cent in the past decade compared with 15 per cent during the oil boom before 1981, when spending exceeded \$130 billion a

#### **Izetbegovic refuses to attend talks**

(Continued from page 1) as possible and asked Mr. Izetbegovic to call the presidency mem-

bers back to Saraievo.

Bosnian presidecy members told a news conference in Geneva on Thursday they were prepared to consider the Serb-Croat plans. But one source at the Zagreb meeting, who declined to be identified, said the constitution proposed by the Serbs and Croats was

unacceptable. Miro Lasic, the Croat member on Bosnia's presidency, said the Muslims were clearly opposed to the confederative system. But he

said, "we have to take what is possible to implement."

Rump Yugoslavia's parliament Friday elected 40-year-old engineer Zoran Lilic as the country's new president in a move that consolidates President Milosevic's power base. Mr. Lilic, who is on the steer-

ing committee of Mr. Milosevic's ruling Socialist Party (SPS), has not sought to hide his admiration and respect for the Serbian president, describing him in an interview with the magazine Duga as "a wise and rational politician who has a great deal of

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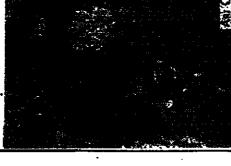
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## Summers: Japan's surplus is drain on world exports, jobs

TOKYO (AFP) - U.S. Treasury goods in Japan exceeds the Undersecretary Lawrence Summers said Friday that Japan could boost global exports by some \$60 billion and create up to two million jobs worldwide by curbing its current account surplus.

"Japan has a major stake in the health of the world economy and the world economy has a major stake in Japan's economic performance," he said, adding that its external surpluses were a "significant drag on world growth.

Mr. Summers, who was chief economist at the World Bank before joining the Clinton administration, conceded at a seminar here that the U.S. trade deficit was "the major imbalance in the world economy" in the mid-

'Now Japan's surplus is the major asymmetry." he said. "And its imbalance has evolved from a surplus largely concentrated with the United States to a surplus spread roughly evenly across Asia, Europe and North America.

Japan's current account surplus, measuring trade in goods and services as well as some other financial transfers, swelled 40 per cent from a year earlier to a record \$126 billion in the year to March.

Although a regional breakdown is not yet available, customs-cleared figures show a trade surplus of \$111 billion in the same period including surpluses of \$46 billion with the United States, \$44 billion with Asia and \$31 billion with the European Community.

Mr. Summers noted that while Japan's current account surplus had plunged from four per cent of gross national product (GNP) in 1987 to less than 1.5 per cent in 1990, it was now expected to rebound to four per cent again in

"What the world needs from Japan now is a sustained period of domestic demand-led growth, a period when the demand for

MANILA (Agencies) -- Despite

upbeat forecasts by President Fidel Ramos, the Philippines'

economic outlook appears bleak

due to intractable problems of

electricity and infrastructure in-

herited from the previous govern-

Since taking office last June 30.

Mr. Ramos has outlined broad

programmes to bring the Philip-

pines into the ranks of the newly

industrialised countries by the

These include foreign exchange

reforms, changes in the banking

system, tariff reductions, priva-

tisation and infrastructure im-

But implementation has been

slow, and businessmen and eco-

nomists are becoming alarmed

that time is running out with few

"Your leadership does not give

the country even the very mini-

mum, and I think we have

reached the point where we can-

realistic solutions is sight.

end of the century.

provements.

domestic supply, so that Japan is

the world," he said. "The extra demand that would be created by a return of the Japanese current account surplus to its historically average level of 1.5 per cent of GNP would be enough to create more than \$60 billion in additional exports from the rest of the world which translates into an extra one or two

a net provider of jobs rather than

a net drain on jobs in the rest of

Mr. Summers said such a cut was a "prudent and realistic objective for the Japanese government," rejecting the idea that it had already done enough with two fiscal stimulus packages worth 24 trillion yen (\$220 bil-

million jobs," he explained.

He said Japan had more scope to boost spending that other members of the Group of Seven (G-7) — the United States, Germany, France, Britain. Italy and Canada — whose leaders are holding their annual in Tokyo in a

"Japan still has by far the largest fiscal cushion in the G-7. Even after two stimulus packages. Japan still has a structural general government surplus and the net stock of outstanding publicly-held debt is still remarkably small in comparison with the rest of the G-7," he pointed out.

Mr. Summers also dismissed the notion, often pushed by Japanese finance ministry officials who control the purse strings, that Japan has to restrain public spending to finance one of the world's most rapidly-ageing

"My response to that is that public investment in highways and hospitals is a better way to prepare for the challenge of an ageing society rather than the prodigous accumulation of lowyielding financial assets,"

not do the part (which should be) done by the Filipinos," Xavier

Reumaux, president of an asso-ciation of foreign businessmen,

recently told the newspaper

512 multinational corporations

which had regional headquarters

here five years ago, only 163

economic stagnation is the energy

crisis, which has forced electricity

cuts of more than six hours a day

The National Power Corp.,

predicts the blackouts will last

only" four hours a day by

But officials admit the power

problem will persist until at least

1996 because existing plants need

extensive maintenance and trans-

Mr. Ramos' predecessor, Cora-

The crisis began in 1986 when

mission lines are unreliable.

September if there is sufficient

rain for hydroelectric plants.

in the Manila area.

One of the chief reasons for the

Mr. Reumaux said that of the

Businessworld

## Commissioner says EC seeks new jobs policies

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The Euro- shrink by 0.5 per cent this year, pean Community (EC) is seeking and unemployment will climb to fundamental changes in employment policy in order to create jobs, the EC's Social Affairs and Employment Commissioner Pad-

raig Flynn, said here Thursday. Addressing an EC employment committee, he said social charges and workplace regulations imposed on businesses could be lowered if management agreed in

return to employ more people.

Earlier this week, an EC summit in Copenhagen ordered a study of high labour costs along with an accelerated investment programme in order to fight mounting unemployment and help pull the Community out of economic re-

According to official estimates, the EC's combined economy will 12 per cent next year - meaning

20 million people out of work. Mr. Flynn stressed the importance of labour-intensive production in tackling the crisis.

"Our analyses suggest that we may often tax the labourintensive jobs relatively more. Is this not just the opposite of what we want to achieve?" he asked. Mr. Flynn reiterated a sugges

tion made at the EC summit by Commission President Jacques Delors — that revenue to maintain social standards be raised through energy taxes rather than charges on employers.

He said well over one million new jobs could be created by the end of the decade in environmental industries, not only to fight working," he said.

environmentally friendly tech-

The commissioner named arts and culture plus health care as potential growth industries for employment, if they were properly exploited.

And he urged a closer look at work-sharing. "Something is wrong in the system if employers are encouraged to offer existing employees long overtime hours on an on-going basis, rather than create additional jobs," he said. Mr. Flynn stressed the need for continuous high-quality training

of workers. 'In 10 years' time, 80 per cent of existing technologies will be out of date, but 80 per cent of the existing workforce will still be

## Bonn fights recession with \$11.7 billion savings package

BONN (R) — Germany's ruling term jobless benefit, currently centre-right coalition has approved a 20 billion mark (\$\$1.7 pillion) savings package that cuts benefit payments to the jobless and is aimed at giving the Bud-nesbank room for more interestrate cuts.

Coalition party leaders, at a meeting late Wednesday chaired by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, gave their blessings to a savings package that would cut federal spending by 20 billion marks in 1994, the finance ministry said.

Budget savings would rise to 25 billion marks (\$14.6 billion) next year and between 27 billion and 30 billion marks (\$15.8 billion to \$17.54 billion) in 1996. Including cuts in state and municipal

budgets, the total public spending package would likely be higher. At least half of the savings will be achieved by a three per cent cut in jobless benefit and by cutting payment to 24 months from 32, the ministry said. Long-

Despite upbeat state forecasts, outlook for Philippines is bleak

zon Aquino, refused to operate a

623-megawatt nuclear plant built

by Westinghouse Electric Corp...

because of safety concerns and

allegations the firm bribed the

late strongman Ferdinand Marcos

any new plants to compensate for

the loss of the nuclear facility.

which was the centerpiece of the

Marcos administration's longterm

Last month, the government

lost a multimillion dollar lawsuit

against Westinghouse in federal

The economy, meanwhile, is

reeling from the power crisis.

During the first quarter of this

year, the gross national product

grew by only 0.92 per cent, most-

Filipinos working abroad.

because of remittances fr m

Without the remittances, the

economy would have shown a

decline of 0.17 per cent, accord-

Mrs. Aquino failed to complete

to win the contract.

court in New Jersey.

energy plan.

paid indefinitely, will also be cut by three per cent and restricted to two years.

Salaries for civil servants would be frozen next year, farm sub-sidies would be cut, some government-funded community projects postponed, and some unspecified tax write-offs axed. According to coalition sources.

Finance Minister Theo Waigel also wants to make deeper cuts to social services and some compensation paid by the Federal Labour Office. He has been seeking ways to trim the office's widening deficit, which threatens to grow out of control as German unemployment is forecast to rise to between four million and five

The coalition parliamentary groups will vote on the savings package next week and after that the plan will be put to Mr. Kohl's cabinet for a decision on July 13.

Moreover, the government has

failed to make substantial prog-

ress in chronic problem areas

such as tax collection, trade and

tariff reform, selling off state-run

companies and other infrastruc-

ture including inadequate tele-

Last week, Christopher

Brow , the representative of the

press. J frustration at the slow

pace of economic reform, espe-

Browne also suggested to re-

porters that Mr. Ramos was not

receiving proper advice from his

cabinet about the urgency of the

in the next few months," Mr. Browne said. "Without new re-

could face serious problems."

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Rather than considering the

comment constructive criticism.

"I believe the crunch is coming

phones and transportation.

cially tax collection.

economic crisis.

ing to the National Statistics the government reacted sharply

Democrats (SPD), criticised the spending cuts but said it was time to "modernise the social welfare

"This cannot be done without reaching into the lives of nearly everyone in Germany," he said in an article for the weekly Wirtscafts Woche magazine. "But what we do not need is a Rambostyle social and economic policy.'

But facing Germany's worst post-war recession, Mr. Waigel must cut spending fast to rein in the widening budget deficit and give the Bundesbank room to lower its leading interest rates and help the limping economy back on its feet.

The government officially forecasts a record 1993 shortfall of 67.6 billion marks (\$39.60 billion), up from earlier forecasts of 43 billion marks (\$25.19 billion). abinet for a decision on July 13. and from a 1992 deficit of 39 Rudolf Scharping, designated billion marks (\$22.85 billion).

in a xenophobic style. Several

legislators urged the government

to expel Mr. Browne, and Mr.

Ramos' own spokesman, Jesus

Sison, said the president was

the things Mr. Browne said are

true," former undersecretary of

the budget Ben Diokno wrote in

the Manila Chronicle. "The

domestic economy is barely out

of the sickbed after more than a

year and a half of severe stabilisa-

In an another report, the Phi-

lippine government has approved

local assembly of Mercedes Benz

cars, with the first units to be sold

Officials said here that the pre-

stigious German brand entered a

new luxury category for locally

assembled cars through a local

partner, the Commercial Motors Corp. (CMC), which already

assembles Mercedes Benz trucks.

Two models will be initially

The harsh fact is that most of

angry at the remarks.

tion measures.

October.

# Senate narrowly approves Clinton's economic plan

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Senate approved an amended version of President Bill Clinton's deficit reduction plan Friday by the narrowest of margins, with Vice President Al Gore casting the deciding vote.

On a vote of 50 to 49, senators approved Mr. Clinton's blueprint for slashing the federal deficit by \$500 billion over the next five years, mainly by raising taxes on the wealthy and corporations and cutting spending on social prog-

"Tonight, the Senate voted for growth over gridlock by passing our plan ...(and) sent a strong signal to middle-class Americans that Washington can work to create jobs, increase incomes, and spur economic growth," Mr. Clinton said in a statement after the pre-dawn vote.

Six Democrats and all the Republican Senators voted against the plan, forcing Mr. Gore, who as vice president is also president of the Senate, to cast the deciding vote. It was the first such vote since 1987.

The House had already passed its own version of the deficit reduction plan which will have to be reconciled with the Senate's draft in a conference bringing together members of both houses of Congress.

Congressional sources said the conference could begin as early as next week but would likely take several weeks to come up with a compromise plan.

Both versions call for cutting the federal deficit by \$500 billion over the next five years by raising taxes on the nation's wealthiest. The Senate version would put

87 per cent of the deficit-cutting burden on those earning more than \$100,000 a year, while the House's version — practically identical to Mr. Clinton's original plan - would get 90 per cent of the money by raising taxes on incomes higher than \$50,000. Mr. Clinton's much criticised,

broad-based energy tax was drastically reduced by the Senate to apply to motor fuels only, raising some \$24 billion. That compares to the House version that kept Mr. Clinton's proposal largely intact and called for taxes on electricity, natural gas, coal and oil products, raising \$72 billion.

Jet fuel was exempted from the energy tax in the Senate version to spare the ailing airlines from further financial erosion.

The most hotly debated issues in the economic package were the

lionaire Ross Perot talking to reporters outside the Capitol, endorsing the Republican's call to reduce the deficit by cutting

spending first. The biggest spending cuts would come from restraining the growth of reimbursements for health care for the poor, a programme called Medicaid, and for

the elderly. The Senate scaled back the House version's Medicare cuts from \$50 billion to \$41 billion. Both bills include major beaks for lower-income earners through an earned-income tax credit.

"The differences between the House and Senate bills are not as great as some would have us believe," said Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, adding that the bottom line in both versions was cutting the deficit by \$500 billion as Mr. Clinton had proposed. The Senate version, however,

falls more than \$150 billion short of the goal — it includes \$245 billion in new taxes but only \$100 billion in guaranteed spending reductions.

It relies on later congressional action and savings on interest to produce the remaining amount.

## of the bank in mind that I have

LONDON (R) - Jacques Attali, the flambovant and controversial president of the European Bank for, Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), resigned Friday, saying press attacks against him had begun to undermine the bank's work.

In a letter to the chairwoman of the EBRD's board of governors, Swedish Finance Minister Anne Wibble, the 49-year-old French economist said the bank had come under "increasing negative press attention in recent months.

"Unfortunately, this attention has begun to have a detrimental effect on the bank's work and on its staff, and it is with the interests

offered in the local market: The

gasoline-powered 220E and

diesel-powered 330D sedans, to

be sold at 2.83 million pesos and

2.74 million pesos (\$104,800 and

wealthy Filipinos and expatriates.

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ase the cars at much lower prices

ment said CMC is to invest 311

million pesos (\$11.5 million) and

employ nearly 1,500 people for

the project. The export of Mer-

cedes components is forecast to

fetch \$178 million over a five-year

the Philippines are Japanese

giants Toyota, Mitsubishi and

Nissan. Another German luxury

carmaker, BMW, has also ex-

pressed interest in entering the

growing local market, with vehi-

cle sales expected to top, 45,000

this year from only 28,000 in 1992.

The major car assemblers in

period, it added.

The trade and industry depart-

CMC is expected to target

\$101.480) respectively.

The EBRD began operations two years ago and was set up to aid the transition to Westernsty's free markets in the former

taken this decision," Mr. Attali

communist nations of Eastern Europe. All major Western and East European countries are among its 56 shareholders. But the past months have been

fraught with controversy, focusing mainly on Mr. Attali's dictatorial management style and revelations which broke in April that the EBRD had speni \$55 million on fitting out its new London headquarters. The result; was an international furore and the start of what, with hindsight was a campaign by some major international shareholders to unseat Mr. Attali.

#### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY JUNE 26, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Any irritations can be cleared up nicely during the AM and you will be kept busily occupied throughout the afternoon and evening. Avoid one who has taken your time in the past without following through.

ARIES: (March 21:to April 19) Get off to some new condition that can be your operating influence for sometime to come and avoid and sidestep a bigwig with his/her own axe to grind.

Don't give up a proven condition for some new idea that appeals to you but requires profound study before it can be rightly understood. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) A longtime outside associate has the best suggestions for your future well being so listen closely to understand them, do consult a new business acquaintance.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Morning finds you are able to continue to push a talent which has been working well even though you wish to change or start a new

home is the best place to put your most serious considerations for they can improve conditions there and avoid taking any risks or gam-

YIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Think about what partner you can best approach for answers to your dilemma, especially one with feet on the ground and avoid a cold family member.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You need the know how of one who has done your type of task and can aid to iron out whatever wrink-

les may be present; tonight use care on the highway.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Consider home issues and although they look difficult early, later in the morning you can handle them while tonight recreations can be a dud for you. January 20) Don't let an early

THE Daily Crossword by Roger Jurgovan

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Your

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) If there is some risk or unusual condition you want to put in motion do it in the middle of the day as the early morning and even-

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to worry keep you from getting into letting contacts know of your wishes to improve some phase of your existence. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to Febru ary 19) The morning is excellent for going after what you desi

with courage, confidence and conviction but the evening require taking no chances with assets. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Think in terms of the recreations and amusements that you want to enjoy with those with the same sense of humour as yourself and make dates during the day.

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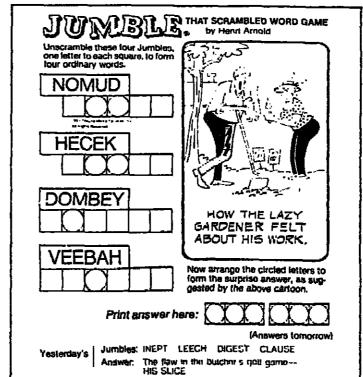
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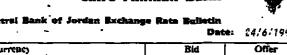
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Currency	Bid	Offer		
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Sterling Pound	1.0241	1.0292		
Deutsche Mark	0.4107	0.4728		
Swiss Franc	0.4620	0.4643		
French Franc	0.1222	0.1228		
Japanese Yen	0.6404	0.6436		
Dutch Guilder	0.3664_	0.3682		
Swedish Krona	0.0903	0.0908		
Italian Lira*	0.0455	0.0457		
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Other Currencies	Date	Date: 24/6/1993		
Currency	818	Offer		
Bahraini Dinar	7.8180	1.8450		
Lebanese Lira	0.03885	0.04015		
Saudi Riyal	0.1853	0.1865		
Kuwaiti Digar	2.2200	2.2900		
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Omani Riyai	1.7710	1.8250		
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Greek Drachma*	0.2968	0.3268		

#### LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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## 'For each \$1 invested in Arab states, Arabs invest \$70 outside the region'

states still invest most of their assets overseas but are likely to bring money back because of high losses in the West, an Arab he said.

League official has said.
"Internal Arab investments are still modest," acknowledged Mamun Ibrahim, director general of the Kuwait-based Arab Corporation for Guaranteeing In-

"Large investments are concentrated abroad. For each dollar invested in Arab countries, \$70 are invested outside the region. This situation should be redressed although it needs great. efforts," he said.

But Mr. Ibrahim, quoted by the United Arab Emirates newspaper Al Khaleej, said that growing risks abroad and economic reforms in Arab states would encourage the repatriation of overseas funds.

"There is a feeling among Arab investors to channel their funds into the Arab region after their

base for steady growth in investment in the whole Arab World,"

\*Risks in investment outside the Arab World are increasing. Some institutions collapsed and others suffered from losses. There are no accurate figures on such losses but they are very big," he pointed out.

Mr. Ibrahim, whose institution was created by the Arab League 15 years ago to encourage domestic investment, provided no figures on internal and external

But independent estimates.put

domestic investment at between \$10 and \$20 billion, and overseas assets at \$600 to \$800 billion. Most Arab funds abroad are invested in the West in stocks, real estate and bank deposits.

There have been calls for repatriating part of these funds

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Arab flight in the mid-1970s. We hope after losses from stock market states still invest most of their this phenomenon will become a crises and sharp flunctuation of crises and sharp flunctuation of currencies and interest rates.

> According to the Arab League, losses from currency fluctuation, mainly the decline in the U.S. dollar, stood at around \$80 billion

Gulf Arab states, which account for more than half the overseas Arab investment, also lost nearly \$25 billion in the world stock market crash in 1987.

But such losses seem to have had little impact on the outflow of

Investors argue overseas assets are still more profitable while the local market remains too small, investment opportunities limited and the political atmosphere not encouraging.

"We want to invest in the Arab World and serve national de-velopment," said Abdul Jalil Al which alone are estimated at \$280 Fahim, deputy chairman of the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"But national considerations

businessmen. We should ask ourselves: "Is the return here high and is the investment climate

suitable or not?" A recent report by the Abu Dhabi-based Arab Monetary Fund said Arab states had failed to attract national investment because of strong competition from

world markets.

It said such markets offered higher returns while Arab markets continued to suffer from currency restrictions, administrative obstacles and a lack of incen-

Mr. Ibrahim cited another obstacle for attracting funds: Lack of information on investment opportunities in the Arab

There is no doubt we are suffering from lack of studies on investment scopes. Seminars and conferences are not enough if they are not coupled with information which constitutes the right ground for investment," he

## Beirut approves \$2 billion plan

BEIRUT (R) — The Lebanese parliament has approved a \$2 v billion government plan to rehabilitate Beirut's suburbs over the next 10 years and build highways across the country.

In an 11-hour session ending late Thursday, parliament agreed to allow the government to issue U.S. dollar treasury bonds for up to \$300 million as part of financ-

ing for the plan.

The project, a key part of Prime Minister Rafik Al Hariri's drive to rebuild Lebanon after 15 years of civil war, includes a \$1.33 billion plan to repair roads and build new highways across the

It also allocates \$662 million to improve services in the outskirts, build a \$20 million power transformer for the predominantly Shi'ite Muslim suburbs and improve public transport.

In addition to treasury bonds financing of the plan should come from aid and loans from different sources including banks.

Several deputies said they were worried the treasury conds would add to Lebanon's foreign

Eight deputies of the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) voted for the plan after Mr. Hariri pledged the government would not confiscate land in the

company to develop them. A supreme commission is due next moth to decide final land valuations for the war-wrecked commercial centres of Beirut es part of another Hariri project to

suburbs in return for theres in a

bring the city back to life. A private company will then be set up and will issue 50 per cent of its shares to landowners and former tenants in return for their land. Investors will subscribe to

the remaining 50 per cent.
Mr. Hariri, a banking and building tycoon in his first political post, wants Beirut to regain its role as an international financial centre, which was chattered when

## Donors grant Peru credit to tackle poverty

PARIS (R) — Peru has won a fresh credit of \$800-\$900 million from international donors as well as another round of applause for the success of President Alberto Fujimoro's austere economic reform programme.

The credit, destined to support the debt-burdened country's poverty-alleviation programmes, was pledged at a two-day meeting in Paris of the World Bank's consultative group.

Peruvian Economy Minister Jorge Camet told a news conference after the talks the pledge signalled recognition of the efforts Peru had made and willingness to see further donors'

Struggling with debt of over \$23 billion. Peru has returned to the world's financial fold after budget deficit. former president Alan Garcia made it a pariah by curtailing debt payments in the 1980s.

When Mr. Fujimori's governinherited what Mr. Camet described as "near economic, so-, Fund (IMF) approved a three-

moral bankruptcy. Donors at the meeting were full of praise for the austerity rogramme, which has succeeded in halting hyperinflation, increas-

ing tax revenues and slashing the

Relations between the donor warming for several months.

community and Peru have been In February Peru became fully ment came to power in 1990, it eligible for new multilateral loans when the International Monetary

year economic programme after the country cleared some \$1.7 billion in arrears owed to the IMF and World Bank. In May it won a major rescheduling from the Paris Club of government credi-tors on debt falling due in 1993 to

However, the donors warned that economic development is a long process. They called for poverty alleviation and further steps towards more democracy and better human rights.

## Israeli trade v Japan 'bloom!

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Trade between Israel and Japan, which reached \$1.7 billion in 1992, will be considerably boosted this year. Trade and Industry Minister Micha Harish said upon his recurn from

"Économic relations are in full bloom," Mr. Harish told the israel news agency ITIM.

During the first three months of 1993 exports to Japan jumped nine per cent over the same period of 1992 to reach \$148 million. Most of the increase was accounted for by chemicals aithough cut diamonds are by far the most valuable export to Japan. Imports were

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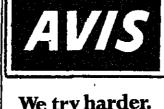
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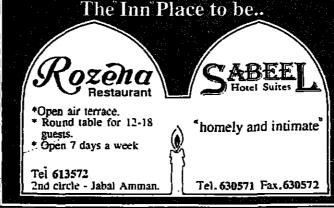
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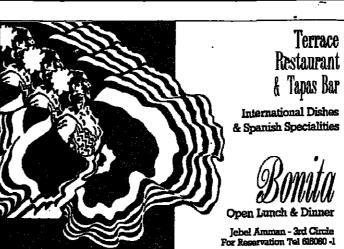
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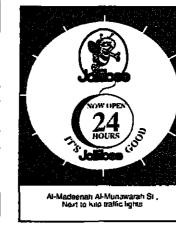
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## Azerbaijani president ousted; Aliyev takes over in Baku

MOSCOW (AFP) — Azerbaijani parliament ousted embattled · President Abulfaz Elchibey and transferred power to former Communist boss Gaidar Aliyev in . a bid to end the three-week-old political crisis in the former Soviet republic.

Mr. Elchibey immediately denounced the move as "unconsti-· tutional" and a "coup d'etat", according to his spokesman qouted by the Turkish Anatolia News Agency Friday in a report from Nakhichevan, the president's home republic where he -fled last week.

The president said Mr. Elchibey "had not resigned" and "is still president of Azerbaijan."

The wild cards Friday were rebel military commander Surat Guseinov — who led a June 4 rebellion in Gyandzha, the country's second city, that triggered Mr. Elchibey's flight from the capital — and members of Mr. Elchibey's Popular Front party,

who brought him to power on a tide of nationalist support last

Neither reacted immediately to the change, Col. Guseinov, 34, asserted Wednesday he was assuming power.

Several hundred Guseinov rebels were still camped outside the capital Friday, where they had advanced last week to press for Mr. Elchibey's ouster. They were positioned on both roads linking Baku to the west.

But the capital was calm, with government and rebel troops ointly manning checkpoints on roads into Baku.

The Popular Front called for a demonstration in downtown Baku later Friday. But the broad support it managed to drum up last year has dwindled sharply as the country's economy has slumped, drained by the war with Armenia over Nagorno-

Their marches in the last week

have rallied fewer than 100 peo-

The immediate winner Friday appeared to be Mr. Aliyev, who as speaker of parliament becomes interim head of state under the republic's constitution.

The 70-year-old former first secretary of the Azerbaijan Communist Party was to give a press conference in Baku. Unconfirmed reports said he might set up a new government with Col. Guseinov as defence minister.

Interfax News Agency said the Baku parliament voted late Thursday 33 to three to oust Mr. Elchibey, who had come to power last June in a popular vote after a power struggle that forced out former pro-Communist President Ayaz Mutalibov. Thirtyseven of the 51 legislators were present for the vote, in which one

An Elchibey supporter, deputy Ibrahim Ibrahimov, blasted the

vote as "completing the coup started in Gyandzha in early June", when government forces were sent in to quell the Guseinov rebellion. A bloodbath resulted in which 69 people were killed, most of them Col.

Col. Guseinov, a popular former army colonel sacked by Mr. Elchibey in February over Baku's military setbacks in Nagorno-Karabakh, has charged Mr. Elchibey with corruption and in-

On Thursday in Gyandzha, two rebel leaders and a civil servant were killed by an unidentified group of assailants who burst into the city hall there.

Col. Guseinov, quoted by Interfax Friday, blamed the killings on the Popular Front, though Mr. Elchibey's press ffice in Baku denounced them . an attempt to stir up trouble, an appealed for

#### Refugees go home as Cambodian

ease

tensions

PHNOM PENH (R) - A thousand refugees who fled an abortive post-election secessionist movement in eastern Cambodia headed for home Friday as political tensions eased in the war-torn South East Asian country.

Twenty canvas-covered Cambodian Red Cross trucks ferried the refugees from Phnom Penh's Olympic Stadium, escorted by police of the U.N. Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), the 22,000-strong peacekeeping force that ran last month's national election.

Thousands of supporters and officials of the Royalist FUNCIN-PEC Party, the election winner, fled to the capital when hardliners in the ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) called the polls a fraud and declared several provinces near Vietnam an autonomous zone.

turned voluntarily and 3,000 more will be returned in the next three days under U.N. escort. lapsed under pressure from head of state Prince Norodom Siha-

Mr. Hun Sen has ordered all government officials in the affected zones to make sure the and jobs and are able to resume

Mr. Hun Sen and Prince Sihanouk's son Prince Norodom Ranariddh agreed Thursday on the composition of an interim coalition government and Khmer Rouge President Khieu Samphan was invited to return to Phnom Penh in moves seen as easing fears of war in the faction-ridden

The value of the Cambodian currency, the riel, rose from 3,200 to a U.S. dolar Friday morning to 2,800 by early afternoon in market stalls, a sure sign

Members of the future interim meet Friday to draft a joint political platform, which will be pre-sented to the National Assembly

A senior Phnom Penh govern-

PEC would get 10 other ministries, including foreign affairs and finance. The CPP would also get

The smaller Buddhist Liberal Democratic Party (BLDP) of former Premier Son Sann will run three ministries and the rightwing Molinaka Party, one.

acronym for National United Front for an Independent, Neutral, Peaceful and Cooperative Cambodia, won 58 votes in the 120-seat assembly to 51 for the CPP. The BDLP won ten and

#### Extremists invade S. Africa talks venue The occupiers smashed wintiating chambers on the first floor

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - in a brutal show of force, heavily armed right wingers intent on a separate white state Friday invaded the venue of South Africa's democracy talks, shattering through the gates with an armouted truck.

They ended their nearly twohour occupation of the World Trade Centre east of Johannesburg after reaching an agreement with police that there would be

The invasion shortly before the start of a negotiating council session, came the day after the Conservative Party (CP), champion of a federated white state, found itself totally isolated at the taiks.

The action was spearheaded by. the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) led by Eugene Terre' Blanche who. along with CP leader Ferdie Hartzenberg and Afrikaner Volk-sfront chief Constand Viljoen, was involved in negotiations with security forces.

PEKING (AFP) — A seventh

round of Sino-British talks on the

political future of Hong Kong has

been scheduled for July 5-6, the

official Xinhua News Agency said

The announcement came after

the sixth round of talks ended

earlier in the day with what a

British negotiator described as a

"little progress" but a long way to

"We have made a little prog-

ress and of course I very much

hope that we shall continue to

here Friday.

dows and equipment and des-troyed attache cases and documents belonging to delegates. The police, completely out-

numbered and outgunned, said they were reluctant to make any arrests for fear of sparking a gunbattle with more than 2.000 demonstrators, many of them armed and hooded and wearing the black or khaki uniforms of the AWB.

> Police closed off access roads to the building, but were seen allowing white right-wingers through on foot.

> The demonstrators rushed the building, a policeman said, with a van similar to a Brink's truck. A man wearing the black uni-form of the AWB "Iron Guard" stood on the hood and fired a single shot into the plate glass doors, the officer said.

The glass spiderwebbed and the vehicle drove through. In the chaos that ensued, 100 to 300 extremists invaded the negoners of the AWB.

7th round of Hong Kong talks set for July

McLaren, told reporters.

"There's still quite a way to go."

which issues progress was made.

two months ago, are aimed main-

ly at trying to find a consensus on

arrangements for Hong Kong's

last elections before the British

colony reverts to China in 1997.

Patten wants to expand direct

elections, something Peking has

know how much longer the talks

would last, but added that Lon-

don's "position remains that there isn't an indefinite amount

A special cabinet-level meeting

is to be held next Thursday in

strongly opposed.

of time.

Hong Kong Governor Chris

Mr. McLaren said he did not

McLaren declined to specify on

The negotiations, which started

of the building, spraying slogans that read "kill the Kaffirs" — the derogatory term for blacks -- and our land, our people." Mr. Terre' Blanche was among

the armed occupiers who said prayers and sang "Die Stem" — the call — the South African national anthem.

White supremacists were seen bullying policemen, telling them to take their hats off during prayers and to stand at attention during the anthem.

The two most prominent nego-tiators at the talks, the African National Congress' Cyril Ramaphosa and the government's Roelf Meyer, were in "a safe place at the centre and inaccessible" throughout the occupation, police said.

Demonstrators took down the South African flags and those of parties involved in the talks and replaced them with Boer republic flags and the Swastika-like ban-

also expected to review its stance.

The British ambassador made

clear that it was Mr. Patten who

would have the deciding role in the course of the talks.

"The governor has an im-

mensely important role in the

way we on the British side are

conducting the talks," Mr.

It was Mr. Patten's plan to

broaden Hong Kong's voting

franchise among professional

groups in 1994-95 elections that

triggered a bitter six-month row

between London and Peking.

which accused the governor of

violating previous Sino-British

will bring together Prime Minis-

ter John Major, Foreign Secret-

The cabinet meeting in London

McLaren said.

agreements.

#### **Orsay Museum** to showcase 72 masterpieces

PARIS (AP) — In what Culture Minister Jacques Toubon called the most generous example of French corporate sponsorship of the arts, two companies are footing the \$2.5 million cost of the Barnes Foundation Show at the Orsay Museum next fail. Seventy-two paintings including 20 Cezannes and 16 Renoirs, with make their first return trip to France since they were purchased by American collector Albert Barnes in the first part of the century. Mr. Toubon told reporters Monday that the Banque Nationale De Paris and Havas, a tourism and media conglomerate. had chipped in the money so that Paris could host the show from Sept. 8 through Jan. 2. The majority of art institutions workdwide lend paintings free of charge. Barnes Foundation President Richard Glanton said the fee would help pay for the \$8 million renovation and painting restora-tion project at the headquarters in Merion, Pa, outside Philadelphia.

#### Thieves steal ancient \* marble head from Greek museum

ATHENS (AP) - Greek police notified Interpol to be on the lookout for a sixth century B.C. marble head that was stolen from Athens' National Archaeological Museum. The head is part of a statue of a woman or of a sphinx a mythical figure that is part lion and part human. Its theft from an exhibition area was discovered by officials of the country's premier museum Friday but police were only called in to investigate Monday, a police spokesman said. The sculpture was dug up at the Temple car Aphaia on the island of Aegina just off Athens and has appeared in various publications. The Culture Ministry suspended five museum guards, laid charges against unknown persons and ordered an internal investigation into the theft, Athens' mega Channel Television reported.

#### Women want male nudes in films -- survey

NEW YORK (R) - Women are upset by female nudity in films because it sets an impossible standard but think in overwhelming numbers that there should be more male nudity, said a survey of 2,000 women by Glamour magazine. The survey released Monday said 86 per cent of more male nudity in films while two-thirds said they found the prevalance of female nudity on screen offensive. Forty-two per cent of the women surveyed, and the between the ages of 18 and 44, 72 and 44, said they thought nude actresses set a standard the average woman cannot match. And 85 per cent said that much of the nudity seen

#### Time gentlemen. please

cials have put the cork in a clandestine distillery run by inmates at one of Britain's most modern high-security prisons, police said Sunday. Nearly 350 litres of wines and spirits distilled from various types of fruit sold in the prison canteen were seized at the jail near York, in northern England, they said. "The whols?" operation was sophisticated, brilliant." said assistant prison governor Colin Cason, after the distilling equipment, which involved bottles of hot water to speed up the fermentation process, was removed. Police saic all inmates with technical or scientific expertise, or who had previously worked in breweries or distilleries, had been put under strict surveillance. Many of the prisoners had protested vehemently when the distillation equipment was dismantled, they added.

#### to recognise same-sex couples

ATLANTA (R) — The Atlanta City Council is expected to grant at least partial official recognition to so-called "domestic partners" in a measure designed to allow homosexual couples to share some city employment benefits. Last Thursday, the council's finance committee approved a measure to allow same-sex couples to register their "domestic partnership" status with municipal officials as allowed in about 15 other American cities. Under the ordinance, the domestic partner of a city employee would be eligible for the same health care and dental benefits now available to the legal spouses of other city employees. But the committee struck a provision to include domestic partners in the city's pension system. Mayor Maynard Jackson has endorsed recognising same-sex domestic partnerships but has not commented publicly on the proposal before the council of the southern city of about

SPACECRAFT RETRIEVED: The space shuttle Endeavour's (bottom) robot arm holds the EURECA spacecraft over the cargo bay Thursday after the shuttle retrieved it. The EURECA will be

secured in the cargo bay and returned to Earth after 10 months of experiments in space for the European Space Agency (AFP photo)

#### Fire in French clinic kills 17 celebrate the summer solstice.

roared through a private psychiatric clinic early Friday morning, killing 17 people and injuring at least 35, rescue authorities reported. Two people

were missing.

The blaze broke out just before 1 a.m. in the rafters of a wing at the Saint-Francois d'Assises Clinic, a three-story stone chateau on the outskirts of this village near the western city of Rennes. The blaze quickly turned into an inferno that tore through the .. clinic's three floors, trapping many of the patients in their

Sixty-four patients and seven staff members were in the building when the blaze broke out... They had earlier held a party to

beds. firefighters said.

"It was horrible," said a fire-fighter on condition of anonymity. "There were screams everywhere. We couldn't see anything because of the smoke. Fortunately, it didn't take us long to get everyone out of there.'

Among the injured was a panic-stricken woman who jumped from a window in her nightgown. Most of the rest suffered from shock or smoke inhalation. Five were hospitalised in Rennes in serious condition.

Sixteen of the dead were pa tients, mostly killed in the building's left wing where the fire broke out. The last dead person was a nurse who died trying to lead the patients to safety.

Eighty firefighters extinguished the blaze 3½ hours after it broke out. The converted chateau was completely destroyed. The cause of the blaze was unknown. An investigation was opened.

Officials from the clinic insisted that all fire codes had been respected.

Smoke still poured through the collapsed roof at mid-morning from smouldering embers as firefighters searched for the remains of the two missing people, a nurse and a patient.

As they were rescued, the patients and staff, shivering in their bathrobes, were grouped at a small annex. Some smoked. Most wept. Scorched metal beds littered the courtyard.

## Nadir links cost U.K. minister his job

John Major's accident-prone government suffered another embarsing upset when Northern Ireland Minister Michael Mates was forced to resign over his links with fugitive tycoon Asil Nadir. Mr. Mates became the government's third ministerial casualty

in just 14 crisis-filled months Thursday after being engulfed by controversy over Mr. Nadir's donations to the ruling party and alleged contacts with government power-brokers. The downfall of the brusque

ex-army officer under the weight of almost daily media stories about his links with Mr. Nadir, especially his gift of an inscribed watch, revived questions about Mr. Major's faltering leadership. Some Conservatives complained Mr. Major had left Mr.

Mates "swinging in the wind" as increasingly muted expressions of support sowed confusion about the minister's future. Mr. Major originally said Mr. Mates's relationship with Mr. Nadir was "not a hanging offence".

"The prevarication has added to an impression of a lack of grip at the top," said Friday's Daily Telegraph. "For weeks Mr. Mates was left to drift in space.

TOKYO (AP) — The strange

bedfellows challenging 38 years of Liberal Democratic rule said

their backs on their traditionally

Marxist and pacifist ideology to

ally with ruling party renegades.

the Socialists and former gov-

erning party lawmakers raises the

liamentary elections set for July

By coopting the traditional

opposition, lawmakers who have

fled the scandal-tainted ruling

party have vastly increased their

chances of leading a new govern-

But it also could mean that

there will be little change in

The Social Democratic Party

Japan's foreign or domestic poli-

held 136 seats in parliament's

511-seat lower house before Mr.

Miyazawa called elections. The

Liberal Democrats had 274 seats,

but since have lost 56 lawmakers

who have fled to form their own

the 44-member New Life Party,

led by 57-year-old former Fi-

nance Minister Tsutomu Hata.

Mr., Hata led an unusual intra-

party revolt against Mr. Mivaza-

wa last week, joining the opposi-

tion in passing a no-confidence

vote that forced the prime minis-

ter to call snap parliamentary

The largest of those groups is

pro-reformist parties.

cies, regardless of who rules.

ment after the election.

LONDON (R) - Prime Minister amid rumour and counterrumour of the prime minister's support or lack of it.

As Mr. Mates made a reluctant exit, Mr. Nadir heaped further embarrassment on the government with a television appearance from his luxury north Cyprus home in which he spoke of power lunches with senior Conservatives who "courted" him for

Mr. Nadir told Independent Television News how party support gained him entry into the presence of the then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and former party Chairman Kenneth Baker.

In his resignation letter, Mr. Mates denied he had acted improperly in his dealings with the tycoon, who fied to his native northern Cyprus last month to escape theft and false accounting charges over his collapsed Polly Peck conglomerate. But Mr. Mates said be felt

duty-bound to resign to quell a stream of leaks and "so-called quotes from unknown sources." In a cheeky sign-off to his

resignation letter Mr. Mates said he should have presented Mr. Major, instead of Mr. Nadir, with the infamous watch inscribed

"don't let the buggers get you

As well as the cheap watch saga, Mr. Mates stood accused of accepting the loan of a car from a friend of the tycoon and raising Mr. Nadir's case with the government's chief law officer, Attorney General Sir Nicholas Lyell.

Mr. Major, accused by some Conservatives of showing undue loyalty to Mr. Mates and by others of being dictated to the media, was forced to announce the resignation in parliament, an unusually public way of dispatching a minister, as he came under attack from the Labour opposi-

Labour has seized on the reports of cosy contacts between Cyprus-born Mr. Nadir and the establishment and spoken of a whiff of comunion and sleaze hanging over the Conservatives and their secret finances after 14

years in government.
Mr. Mates is the third minister forced to leave Mr. Major's government since the Conservatives won their fourth successive election in April 1992. First Mr. Major's friend David Mellor resigned over an affair with an actress then Chancellor Norman Lamont was ejected in a reshuffle.

Many refugees have since re

the Phnom Penh government's prime minister. refugees return to their homes

May 23-28 elections as fears spread that Khmer Rouge threats to disrupt the polling could reignite a civil war.

government were expected to when it is asked to approve the coalition next week.

ment general earlier in the week said the Khmer Rouge were welcomed to join the unified armed forces being organised by the three factions that participated in the election.

Mr. Hun Sen and Prince Ranariddh confirmed that in addition to being co-chairmen of the entire government they would themselves share personal responsibility for the defence and interior ministries.

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The interim government will

#### London to review the British ary Douglas Hurd, Mr. Patten make progress," Britain's ambasposition and consider any sador to China, Sir Robin changes to it. The Chinese side is and Mr. McLaren.

Seoul denounces North on war anniversary SEOUL (AFP) — South Korean President Kim Young-Sam told Korean War veterans Friday that the North's goal of forcing communism on the South is as strong as it was 43 years ago when Pyongyang launched the Korean

North Kerea attacked the South across the 38th Parallel on June 25, 1950.

"Their goals have not changed appreciably even though they signed the agreement on reconciliation, non-aggression with the South," Mr. Kim said, referring to a pact signed by the two sides a year and a half ago.

Mr. Kim was speaking to veterans attending a dinner to mark the 43rd anniversary of the start of the Korean War. The peninsula was split at the

World War II, dividing it between the Russian-occupied North and U.S.-occupied South. Two days after Pyongyang attacked South Korea, Washington ordered U.S. armed interven-

United Nations forces entered the war in September to help an ailing U.S. and South Korean campaign. U.N. forces had pushed North Korean troops nearly as far as the borders of Manchuria and Siberia. But Chinese Communist forces intervened in October 1950, forcing their enemies to retreat below the 38th Parallel.

The two sides signed a truce at Panmunjom on July 27, 1953. More than two million people died in the three years of hostili-

Korean peninsula. Ever since, Pyongyang has been building up its military might in a bid to unify the Korean peninsula under communism. Mr. Kim said in a dinner speech to Korean War veterans.

North Korea is now strongly suspected of developing nuclear weapons, which would have global consequences, and has developed missiles with an effective range of 1,000 kilometres. He said South Korea would

help the North whenever it was ready to abandon its nuclear ambitions, and join the global trend towards openness and cooperation. Mr. Kim said he deplored that

genuine peace had yet to come to the Korean peninsula, but the uneasy truce was lasted 40 years.

#### 38th Parallel in 1945 just after ties which devastated the entire 'U.S. to continue world leadership role'

our option here is to be...the

senior, managing or leading"

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trine she referred to as "assertive

Individual nations or regions of

the world, she emphasised, can-

not be permitted to drift into

chaos, "Cops are needed." she noted, "but I would rather be on

that beat with other countries."

"Though sometimes we will act

WASHINGTON (USIA) - The United States is committed to a leadership role in world affairs while seeking the active engagement of other nations — and also will work to help the United Nations develop a permanent peacekeeping system. U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright

In testimony to a House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee. Ms. Albright said, "Much of our credibility as a superpower - and we must, in my view, remain one — will depend upon our ability to manage our approach" to international emergencies. She said the United Nations

peacekeeping system is "severely strained" at the moment, adding that the United States is "working hard" to help the world body develop a permanent peacekeeping strategy as it moves from its current improvisational peacekeeping system. "If we are going to have the United Nations play this role they have to be properly prepared and staffed," she said. Answering questions from con-

gressmen, she said the United

States could be either "the

world's cop... (or) an ostrich,

(but) that is an impossibility. So

alone," she said in her prepared statement. "our foreign policy will necessarily point toward multilateral engagement. But un-less the United States also exercises leadership within collective bodies like the United Nations, there is a risk that multilateralism will not serve our national in-

terest well."

Ms. Albright added: "Preventive diplomacy is the linchpin of assertive multilateralism. We are going to have to open our minds to broader strategies in multilateral forums. We need to project our leadership where it counts long before a smoldering dispute has a chance to flare into the crisis of the week."

Ms. Albright commended U.N. efforts to contain the conflict in the former Yugoslavia.

characterising as substantial multilateral actions "the con-tinuation of humanitarian airdrops, enforcement of the no-fly zone," economic sanctions against Serbia and plans for a war crimes tribunal.

She also defended plans to dispatch 300 American troops as monitors in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, noting the placing of the monitor is part of the effort to keep the Bosnian conflict from spreading.

Questioned about the effectiveness of the Security Council, she said its effectiveness is "intreasing" but added, "we believe it is important generally to make the United Nations reflective of the needs of the current world." Noting that Germany and Japan are "major economic powers." she said giving them seats on the Security Council "makes sense," adding they "should be made to bear responsibility for the keeping of the peace.

Asked how long the United States to keep troops in Somalia, Ms. Albright said that as far as she knows the goal is to withdraw them as other nations take "a greater and greater role there.

# on-screen was gratuitous.

LONDON (AFP) - Prison offi-

# Atlanta expected

#### Friday they had agreed to put port from other opposition aside traditional policy differgroups, big business and v on ences for the sake of ending . Shinichi Sakamoto, a 'al one-party rule. After decades of mounting Democratic Party official, sa. nis fruitless challenges against the conservatives, the Social Demogroup would back current basic Liberal Democrats. olicies of the Liberal Democracrats, the largest opposition, have tic Party in economy and defence. decided for the time being to turn

Coalescing new party, Japan's

elections.

The firming alliance between Mr. Sakamoto said. likelihood of a major defeat for the Liberal Democrats in par-

> But after losing election after election, regardless of public disgust with ruling party corruption, they have decided to seize the

> "The most important thing is to first get rid of the LDP." said

san. There may be people who say they don't like that, but those

seats in the lower house, also decided to back Liberal Democratic policies in joining the re-All this peacemaking between traditional rival groups has raised

doubts over whether the refor-

mist movement will really offer

Mr. Hata has since been busy making the rounds to solicit sup-

That includes a new law to send troops overseas for U.N.

peacekeeping operations. "We cannot move forward if we accentuate our differences,"

Until recent years, the Socialists have campaigned against having any military at all. They made opposition to the peacekeeping law a major issue in the last

opportunity to share power.

Shin Moriya, a Socialist assemblyman campaigning for Tokyo metropolitan elections to be held "To form a coalition government, we have to join with Hata-

people will just have to get out of the way," Mr. Moriva said. The centrist Komeito, or Clean Government Party, which had 46

opposition backs same old policies

Mr. Hata's group consists mainly of younger legislators, who have won support by calling for reforms to clean up political corruption. But they have no major policy -- or tactical differences with the old-guard

Three major nationwide dailies carried articles Friday on fundraising parties recently held by both the New Life and Liberal Democratic parties. Many businesses buy hundreds

of overpriced tickets to such

gatherings as a disguised form of

corporate donations - one of many fundraising tactics that have come under attack for encouraging corruption. "Reform is reform, money is money," read a sarcastic headline in the Mainichi newspaper. The fact that many New Life Party members built their careers

on close ties with senior scandaltainted politicians in the Liberal Democratic Party has reinforced suspicions that the reformist movement could be just a power Mr. Hata has said he hopes his party will become the core of a bloc of non-Liberal Democratic

parties that would unite to implement reform in the election system. Currently, several candidates from the same party compete for votes in multi-seat districts, encouraging vote-buying and porkbarrel favours, rather than policy

Mr. Hata and the opposition favour a compromise between the single-seat district system and a system that allots seats by the proportion of votes won by each

#### Xinhua, quoting Chinese Fore-ign Affairs Ministry sources, said in a brief dispatch that both the Chinese and the British side had agreed on the dates for the new round of talks "on arrangements for the 1994/95 elections in Hong Kong.

nouk and CPP leader Hun Sen.

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Political sources said FUNCTN-

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## Sampras into round of 16; Lendl disappears

WIMBLEDON (AP) — Top-seeded Pete Sampras overpo- (7-3), 6-7 (7-3), 6-4, 9-7. Lendl, 33, made his earliest seeded Pete Sampras overpo-wered Byron Black in a quick third-round match Friday, becoming the first man to reach Wimbledon's round of 16.

Black, a Zimbabean who played at the University of Southern California, fended off seven set points before yielding the first set, but offered little resistance thereafter as Sampras won 6-4, 6-1, 6-1, in about an hour and a

Sampras' chief worry was a nosebleed in the middle of the second set, but he continued to dominate play after treatment by a tournament trainer.

In women's play, Yayuk Basu-ki of Indonesia upset 10th-seeded Magdalena Maleeva, the last survivor of the three highly ranked Bulgarian-born sisters. Basuki, a 6-4, 6-2 winner, also reached the fourth round here last year.

Moments earlier, Meredith McGrath, a qualifier from Midland, Michigan, earned the distinction of becoming the first player into the fourth round, upsetting fellow American Shaun Stafford, 6-1, 6-2.

McGrath, 22, is ranked only 148th, compared to 58th for Stafford, and in six previous Grand Slams had won only one match. at Wimbledon in 1990.

The women's top seed, Steffi Graf, was to play later Friday against Helen Kelesi of Canada, ranked 87th in the world.

The second round concluded Thursday with dramatic, but sharply contrasting losses by Ivan Lendl and Britain's Chris Bailey. Lendl slipped away from the Wimbledon grounds without meeting the press, his dogged

ending in failure, and perhaps ending for good. Bailey, with a lifetime record of 14-29 and a No. 263 world ranking, walked off centre court to a tumultuous ovation after

quest for a title here once again

playing the match of his life. He had just battled fifthseeded Goran Ivanisevic through five sets of the most thrilling tennis so far in the tournament. The Croatian resorted to a daring second-serve ace to save a match point before prevailing 5-7, 7-6

LONDON (AFP) - Women's

tennis authorities are satisfied with the security at the Wimble-

don Championships despite Tuesday's incident involving world

Neither the Women's Tennis Association nor the Women's

Tennis Council are planning any

Gerry Smith, executive direc-

tor of the WTA, said it was not

intended to set up a list of fans

who posed a threat to players,

even though German fan Kurt

Zun Felde followed Graf from

the French Open to Wimbledon. "It's up to the players to come to us if they feel there something

we should know," he said. "If a player comes up to us, we'll act to

inform the tournaments about

any fans who are likely to cause

ing at the next tournament and we will discuss safety then.

day. We have been in contact with Steffi's agent in the past about security. This man's name

has not come up.
"Probably Steffi did not feel it

was worth informing us about this person after the French tourna-

ment. She has said she is happy

with the security here. It's a sad

day when we have to discuss this-

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"Players were told of the security here at the meeting on Sun-

'Players know to come to us. We'll be having a players' meet-

number one Steffi Graf.

exit from Wimbledon since a first-round loss in 1981. The didn't stay around to answer the inevitable questions about whether this would be his last try at the only grand slam tournament he's never won.

But Arnaud Boetsch, the 24year-old Frenchman who beat him 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4, was willing to answer when asked if Lendl still had a shot at a Wimbledon

The way he played, I don't think so," Boetsch said. In addition to Lendl, 10thseeded Andrei Medvedev was ousted Thursday. The top 10 women's seeds have reached the third round, the the top six men. Ivanisevic had a rest day Fri-

day. He will need it after two straight five-set matches. Everything is sore now," the Croatian left-hander said after outlasting Bailey. "But this shows me that it's never over. You can flight.... I'll play all seven (matches) in five sets if I have to, just to win the tournament."

Bailey, 25, has been playing at Wimbedon since 1987, but won only two first-round matches against obscure opponents. This was his first time on centre court.

"To be able to perform like that is obviously very heartening for me," he said. "When I walked out there, it was great and everybody was cheering. It was just an unbelievable experience, and I want to do it next year."

He was still a bit stunned by Ivanisevic's match point-saving

"I've never seen that before on second serve," he said. "That was hit or miss, and he made it." Why take the risk, Ivanisevic

"Whey not?" replied the Croatian. "I have to give it a try. I mean, if you hit a slow serve and he hits a great return, then you think, 'why didn't I go for some-

thing big.""
Though Bailey departed, head high, two other unsung Britons have reached the third round: Chris Wilkinson and Andrew Foster. It's the first time two British men have gone this far

Women's tennis chiefs happy with Wimbledon security



Ukraine's Andrei Medvedev

since 1977.

Wilkinson's third-round opponent Saturday will be secondseeded Stefan Edberg. "I have a chance of beating im," said Wilkinson, ranked

A good chance?

Edberg glided to a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 victory in 99 minutes against Amos Mansdorf while former world number one Jim Courir also took his place in the last 32 with a 7-5, 6-1, 7-6 victory over Ronald Agenor of Haiti.

The last of the women's second round matches were also completed with no further loss of seeds. Martina Navratilova continued to look the most serious threat to top seed Steffi Graf with a 6-0. 6-4 defeat of South African Ros Fairbank-Nideffer

game's wrongs There's something rotten in the

Navratilova blames coachs for

game of tennis, and Martina Navratilova blames the coaches. There are'nt enough all-round serve-and-volleyers in the game,

she feels, and the lack of creative

coaching is the reason. "They are coaching everybody the same way. Everybody looks like a clone out there. The stroke production is fantastic, but that's dl. There's not much creativity," Navratilova said after her 6-0, 6-4 second round victory over Ros Fairbank-Nideffer of South Afri-

ca at Wimbledon Thursday. "Kids come out of these schools and they know how to hit a forehand, a backhand, but they don't know how to serve, hit I have to keep."

volleys, overheads or off-balance shots. They (the coaches) just don't encourage it, they don't teach spontaneity at all."

Navratilova, who is pursuing a 10th Wimbledon singles title, was asked why the coaches were teaching that way.

Warming to her theme, she replied: "Because that doesn't win initially. An all-round game taks much longer to get good at and people are into rankgings.

"They have to get to some kind of ranking level to get picked up by this association or that coaching school. Then you see kids in Texas avoiding tournaments at 12 and under because they want to keep their number five ranking for the rest of the

"Who the hell cares what ranking you have at that point?" she

The Czech-born American, seeded second behind Steffi Graf here, conceded that not many girls had modelied themselves on her in building serve-and-volley

"I don't get it," she said. "Because when Chris (Evert) first came around everybody tried to play like her. Then I came along and everybody still tried to play

like Chris. "Which is not a bad thing. But the net wins a lot, though it doesn't win when when you're 12

and that's the problem. Navratilova has learned a lot in recent years from working with Billie Jean King, who holds a record 20 Wimbledon titles in

singles and doubles. She said she thought she too would probably wind up doing some coaching — though she does not relish the idea of the travelling that would be involved in working with players on the

circuit. "I'm sure I will coach. I'am sure that, if there's some youngster with a good head and a good heart and some talent. I would like to pass on that knowledge,'

"In fact, I have to because I promised Billie Jean that I would pass on whatever she teaches me. "So that's a promise to her that

# Marseille could be thrown out of league

could be stripped of their first division championship, and thrown out of the league if allegations of corruption are proved.

And president of relegated Valenciennes,

Michel Coencas, has Thursday demanded they should be given a reprieve from the drop into the French second division, if the bribery scandal comes to light.

A key witness in an inquiry into claims Marseille tried to bribe Valenciennes players, before the match that clinched their fifth successive league title, has said he was paid more than 200,000 francs

Valenciennes attacker Christophe Robert said the money was given to his wife by a Marseille player, believed to Jean-Jacques Eydelie, sources

close to the investigation said. Police later discovered 242,000 francs in the garden of one of Robert's relatives in the Bor-

dogne.

Marseille president Bernard Tapie went to see
Thursday night at his the Valenciennes prosecutor Thursday night at his own request, his lawyer announced. No details were given on their meeting though.

Robert's confession came a month after a Valenciennes defender, Jacques Glassmann, alleged that Jean-Pierre Bernes, Marseille general manager, had offered him 200,000 francs to throw the match. Robert and Glassmann were in the same room

when they claim to have been contacted by

The Valenciennes game has a week before the

European Cup final and with the league title wrapped up Marseille could relax and concentrate on beating AC Milan.

Marseille have denied the charges, and counterclaimed that Valenciennes tried to bribe Marseille officials and thereby avoid relegation. Jean-Louis Levereau, vice-president of Marseille, said "the full truth of this affair has to come out and exemplary punishments must be made if dishonest actions which cast a slur on football and

the club's image are proved."

The French football league has the power to strip Marseille of the title and relegate them to the

second division. League president Noel Le Graet said: "Personally, I would like things to move quickly. "But it's more important that this gangrene in football be cured, than the affair be settled quickly

in time for the start of the championship on July It is not the first time that Marseille's flamboyant president Bernard Tapie has had to deal with

corruption allegations. Marseille were cleared of paying for their first league title under Tapie in 1989. The bribing allegations made by Bordeaux president Claude Bez backfired as Bez found himself in prison

accused of fraud. Tapie refused to believe in any of the corruption allegations. He said: "I don't believe any of this... Most of Marseille's players play for France or are internationals in their own countries. They therefore have no need to bribe their opponents to win

## \_eMond to miss Tour de France

PARIS (AFP) — Triple Tour de France winner Greg LeMond of the United States is so short of form he is unlikely to start this vear's race.

LeMond's GAN team manager Roger Legeay said Friday: "For the moment, Greg is a nonstarter for the Tour unless he can find otu what's wrong with him and he can be cured in time."

The American, who will be 32 Saturday, was forced to pull out of this month's Tour of Italy afte falling disastrously behind.

Earlier this week, he cracked in the mountain stages of the Route du Sud race in southern France and returned to his home in

Belgium. He has undergone a abandon after five stages series of medical tests to try and pinpoint the cause of his loss of him a lot for sure. But the team

The full results are expected sults without him." mext Tuesday but we will only start the Tour four days later if doctors believe they can find a and 1990, will come as no surprise quick remedy. "We just don't understand

what's gone wrong," added self a winner of the Tour de Legeay, who said LeMond was France in 1987, believes "devastated" and had only a five Lemond's career is heading downhill percent chance of starting the and doubts if he an reverse Tour July 3.

"So far, the tests haven't shown up anything. It's strange that Greg should pull up like this, particularly after having followed near-ideal preparation program- Roche said recently.

ing the Tour if he is only going to openly.'

this year - I don't think he'll have it in the big mountains," "I do think he has had it - the But he added: "It's the GAN general feeling among the riders,"

"If he is not there, we'll miss

has already produced good re-

who won the Tour in 1986, 1989

Ireland's Stephen Roche, him-

the trend, even if he does start

"I don't think he can pull it off

for fellow riders.

the Tour.

The problems facing LeMond,

team not the LeMond team, and I to be honest, is that it's finished have to take a sporting decision. for him. He has to believe it, There's no question of Greg start- deep down, even if he won't say it

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## UNICEF defeat J.T. in basketball friendly: The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) basketball team Thursday defeated the Jordan Times 37-25 in a basketball match held at Al

Manhal court. The match, played more for fun than for victory, was attended by Al Ra'i Editor in Chief Mahmond Al Kayed, Jordan Times Chief-Editor George Hawatmeh, UNICEF regional director for the Middle East and North Africa Edward Lanner and UNICEF and Jordan Times staff members. The hot weather affected the general atmosphere of the match which led to the low level of scoring for both teams, especially for the Jordan Times. At the end of the match, Mr. Kayed presented the UNICEF players with the trophy. Earlier the two teams met twice, with UNICEF winning the first 22-20, and the Jordan Times winning the second

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3 ♠ Pass DЫ Opening lead: Jack of + Continuing our saga of strange hands from the Summer North

American Championships in Toronto is this unusual example. Each defender has but one trump, yet each collected a trick with it. West's two-beart cue-bid showed the black suits and North's jump to

ing a sacrifice at seven hearts. West's double indicated a heart loser, so East knew not to compete further. All that remained was so extract the maximum penalty.

West led the jack of clubs, comin ued with the queen and then tried the king. Declarer did as well as possible by ruffing with the jack in dumny, but East was able to over-

three spades promised shortness in the suit, either a singleton or void.

South made a good decision by tak-

ruff. By leading touching honors in upside-down order. West was making a suit preference signal for the lower of the remaining side suits, in this case diamonds. East duly obliged, and West's ruff was the fourth trick for the defense. That was absolute par on the hand. East-West can make six spades for a total of 1430, so minus

1100 for down four was as well as North-South could do unless East-West were silly enough to try seven spades. Fortunately, North-South had not bid diamonds along the route, so the chances for a fatal lead against a spade grand slam were considerably reduced.

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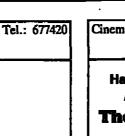
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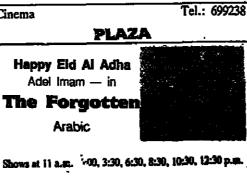
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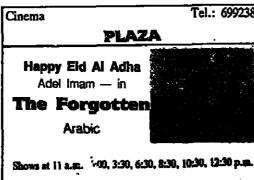
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RABAT (Agencies) — Moroc-can voted Friday to elect their two-thirds of the 333-seat parliafourth parliament since independence in an election which could bring opposition parties into government for the first time in three decades.

Officials said the turnout averaged 21 per cent of the 11.5 million voters four hours after polling stations opened. They closed at 1900 GMT and results are not expected before Satur-

The general election, the first in nine years, could open the door to the return to office of opposition parties after being in the political wilderness for 30

years.
"In a few weeks, in September at the latest, the opposition could enter government," the opposition Istiqlal daily L'Opinion said Friday.

The candidates have virtually all promised economic growth, more jobs, better health and education, a drive against corruption and improved human rights. The winning party is slated to

set up a government for the first time since independence from France in 1956. Until now it has been King Hassan who designated the prime minister and cabinet. The change

came in a constitutional amend-

ment in 1992.

A single round of direct elec-

The remaining deputies are to be chosen over the next few weeks by community councillors, trade associations and unions.

and 167 independents. The old-guard Nationalist Isti-

qlal Party and its former foes in the Socialist Union of People's sentatives.

They are backed by the two

smaller leftwing parties.

The other 111 seats will be elected later indirectly by members of local councils, profession-

Five centrist parties won an absolute majority of 215 seats in the last election which the opposition says was marred by so many irregularities that the parliament

The four opposition parties had 85 seats in the outgoing chamber

"It made a lot of noise, but it was mostly snoring. It was like a dormitory," said a member of the

## ANKARA (Agencies) - Tur-

key's new Prime Minister Tansu Ciller announced a coalition cabinet Friday in which she kept the same defence and foreign

ler, 47, told a news conference. We will hae hard work for the initiatives and new reforms that have been started.' She promised a relentless

struggle against "terrorism", referring to the outlawed Kurdish Labour Party (PKK), which struck at Turkish targets across Europe Thursday.

"My message to the world is to unite for a fight against terrorism," she said of the coordinated wave of PKK attacks. "We will continue to show

compassion for the people of the southeast without any ethnic dis-crimination," she added. The PKK has fought a nine-

vear-old armed campaign for a separate state in the mainly Kurast, in which than 6,200 people have been kil-

Ms. Ciller, who leads the centre-right True Path Party (DYP), reappointed Erdal Inonu, head of the junior coalition partner Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP), as deputy prime

She also renamed Hikmet

second week. With the Organisation of the Islamic Conference

(OIC) determined to put the item of Bosnia on the agenda of the

Vienna conference in spite of the guidelines of the international

human rights meeting that precludes raising specific country

situations, the Islamic states concluded a deal with the African

countries to second their demand that the Angolan conflict be also

placed before the plenary session of the conference in return for

receiving their collective support for the Islamic motion for

The Western countries were bent on rejecting the OIC request

for the inclusion of the Bosnian problem but faced with an

Islamic-African alliance that can muster a two-third majority to

bend the rules of the conference, they had to retreat in the face of

the OIC-African demand for dealing with Bosnia and Angola on

Still troubling from the Western point of view was the language

of the Islamic draft declaration on Bosnia especially where it called for the lifting of the arms embargo on the Bosnian Muslims. The

Western group contended that it would be outside the scope of a worldly human rights conference to call for lifting of the arms

embargo on Bosnia. Against the backdrop of the earlier urgent

appeal by the conference for immediate and effective U.N.

Security Council intervention in rump Yugoslavia that went

called for holding all culprits accountable internationally.

application of the Geneva conventions on them.

Ironically, the Russian Federation which is reputed to be among

the prime supporters of the Serbs and the main supplier of their

heavy military equipment, introduced another amendment calling

for the protection of civilian population in armed conflicts and the

effect that states should be asked to refrain from supplying any

state that commits such war crimes with any military or economic

support, the Russian delegation's initial reaction was endorsement

of the idea. On second thought, however, especially when the idea

dawned on the members of the delegation, the Jordanian proposal

was rejected. As a face-saving formula, the Russian delegation

passed the buck to the Norwegian delegation for submitting their

proposal. When the Norwegians were in turn asked to incorporate language that calls on states not to aid and abet the Serbs, they only

promised to think about it. And this is where the issue stood one

day before the end of the Vienna human rights extravanza.

When pressed by the Jordanian delegation to add language to the

discussing the Bosnian human rights situation.

Nevzat Ayaz as defence minister but gave the Interior Ministry to Mehmet Gazioglu. He replaces Ismet Sezgin, who was beaten by Ms. Ciller in a contest for the

if any, would be in charge of the economy, a sphere in which Ms. Ciller, a U.S.-trained former economics professor, is expected to

previously DYP leader and Ciller's cabinet list earlier in the

with Mr. Inonu on Thursday to keep in power the coalition which has ruled since November 1991.

woman prime minister, left in place all 11 SHP ministers from the previous government, leaving the cabinet balance unchanged. But she changed most of the DYP ministers, who hold 20 of

Mr. Demirel president in place of Turgut Ozal, who died in April.

Three rebel Kurds killed

Turkish security forces killed three Kurdish militants and detained 43 others in southeastern Turkey Friday, Anatolian news

Running for parliament, which will sit for six years, are a total of 1,875 candidates from 11 parties,

Forces (USFP) have banded together for the first time to present joint candidates for the 222 seats in the chamber of repre-

al groups and trade unions.

lacked credibility.

whose eight-year mandate expired in October.

outgoing majority.

#### Ciller forms cabinet Cetin as foreign minister and

ministers and deputy premier.
"I think this will be a very successful government," Ms. Cil-DYP leadership on June 13.
It was not clear which minister,

exert close authority. President Suleyman Demirel,

prime minister, approved Ms. day.

Ms. Ciller signed a protocol

Ms. Ciller, Turkey's first

Parliament last month elected

WHITE WRATH Right wingers hold anti-de-Klerk South Africa's democracy talks Friday in Johan-posters and a Boer republic flag after storming nesburg (see page 8)

## Germany threatens anti-Kurd action after attacks in Europe

to prevent a repeat of violence that flared across the continent a day earlier, leaving one Kurd dead and scores arrested.

Officials are worried the Kurd's separatist war against Turkey could spread to Germany. where 1.8 million Turks live, among them nearly 400,000 Kurds

Kurds attacked Turkish targets in six countries Thursday in their biggest action outside the Mideast. European police made at least 61 arrests, including more than 30 in Germany, where most of the violence occurred.

The violence continued Friday, with Kurds and Turks battling in front of the Turkish consulate at Karlsruhe, in southern Germany, after Kurds blocked the building's entrance. Police said five or six people were slightly injured before they moved in and made 100 arrests.

In Munich, 13 men who seized the Turkish consulate went before a magistrate. He was expected to confirm the charges of kidnapping and attempted coercion of the German government. The men could face 15 years in prison if tried and convicted on the charges.

The 13 — 12 Turkish citizens and a stateless man — released midnight after a 14-hour standoff. The men left the building with clenched fists raised in the air before boarding a police bus. The government said it was

stepping up its efforts to prevent Kurdish militants from exporting their fight for autonomy to Ger-

man soil. Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters proposed that his counter-

MUNICH (Agencies) — Germany Friday threatened to outlaw and deport Kurdish militants

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Security conference in parts in other West European Copenhagen next Tuesday.

"Everything must be considered, including looking toward an eventual ban" of violent Kurdish groups, said Mr. Seiters' spokesman Roland Bachmeier. Mr. Bachmeier said German

law authorities know little about operations in this country of the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK), believed responsible for Thursday's violence. The group has about 5,000 members in Ger-

"We are dealing with some-thing that is like a phantom. It has a fluid structure and is hard to catch," Mr. Bachmeier said. Mr. Seiters said the arrested Kurds might be extradited to Turkey.

Government spokesman Dieter Vogel said a decision on whether to ban the PKK, the main separatist group fighting central power in Ankara, would be made after an enquiry "into the structure of organisations that are backing the authors" of the

hostage-taking Thursday.

He said Germany needed a "preventive strategy" to prevent a recurrence of Thursday's

In Ankara, Turkish Premier Tansu Ciller said Ankara would wage a fight "without let-up" against the PKK. He called on their last captives just before the international community to 'act with Turkey.

"The PKK has nothing to do with ethnicity, reither in Turkey nor abroad. My message to the international community is to act together against terrorism," Ms. Ciller told reporters.

The 20 million Kurds, divided politically and spread across Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Syria and Armenia, are the world's biggest ethnic Friday.

population without its own country. They often are at war, and frequently are used as pawns in conflicts betwen neighbouring

In Bern, Switzerland, one Kurd was killed and seven wounded Thursday when Turks in the embassy fired at protesters. Kurds seized a Turkish consulate in Marseille but freed hostages unharmed.

Separatists tried and failed to get into Turkish consulates in Zurich, Geneva, and Lyon, France. Others smashed windows or furniture at Turkish-owned banks, travel bureaus and airline offices in 10 German cities and in London, Stockholm and Copenhagen.

The PKK leader, Abdullah Ocalan, recently vowed to make the summer "the bloodiest ever for Turkey" with attacks on the tourism industry and security

The group accuss Turkey of attacking Kurdish villages even though the PKK offered a ceasefire in March. Both sides have been accused of atrocities. The standoff in Munich began

as the four-story stucco consulate opened for business on Thursday. The Kurds stood at the head of the line at a passport window, then overpowered Turkish Guards and took 23 hostages, according to police.

After negotiations with Chancellor Helmut Koni's top Bernd Schmidh in the last nine ic freed just women before corted past masked police sharpshooters.

None of the hostages were injured, and no deal was made for the surrender enther Beckstein, the Bavarran ruterior minister, said at a news conference

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Basque militant gets 1,311 years for bomb attack

MADRID (AFP) — A Basque separatist militant has been jailed by Spain's highest court for 1,311 years for his part in a bomb attack on a police barracks which killed nine people and injured 44 two years ago: Juan Jose Zubeita Zubeldia was sentenced Thursday in connection with the attack in May 1991 at Vic in the north eastern province of Catalonia, court officials said. He was found guilty of murdering nine people including five children and attempting to kill 44 others.

#### Togo president sets new election date

LOME (R) — Togo's government has said that delayed presidential elections were to begin on July 18, with a second round of Aug.

1. The announcement, broadcast on national radio, came two days after talks with opposition groups broke down over differences on election procedure.

#### New government named for Chad

NDJAMENA (AFP) — Chadian Prime Minister Fidel Moungar has formed a new slim-line government limited to 15 ministers and two deputy ministers. Ahmad Korom, a former diplomatic adviser to President Idrdis Deby becomes foreign minister, according to the list made public Thursday. The Interior Ministry went to Ali Djalbord who was executive secretary of the inter-state committee against Sahel drought. Opposition party leaders in the old government retained their posts but several junior ministers lost their jobs. The transitional legislature had asked Mr. Moungar at the beginning of June to prune his team in accordance with a decision of the national conference to trim bureaucracy. The previous government had 31 members.

#### ireland lifts ban on homosexuals

DUBLIN (AFP) - The Dail, the Irish parliament, lifted a 130-year-old ban on homosexuality Thursday in the latest of a series of profound changes to the country's traditionally rigid social legislation. Homosexuality is now legal in the Irish Republic between persons aged 17 and over - in most European countries the age of consent is either 15 or 16, although it remains at 21 in Britain. Under a Victorian law dating from 1863, which had not been enforced for some time, homosexual acts carried a penalty of penal servitude for life.

#### Bhutto's mother wants amnesty for son

ISLAMAB. D (R) - Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto's mother, usrat demanded an amnesty for her son Murtaza so he could return home from 16 years in exile. She told reporters that President Ghulam Ishaq Khan should announce the amnesty, but said she would not advise her son to return if it was promised by Prime Minsiter Nawaz Sharif, whom she said she did not trust. Murtaza has lived in exile abroad since a 1977 army coup toppled his father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto as prime minister, who was later executed after a controversial conviction for conspiring to murder a political opponent. In recent years, Murtaza has lived in Syria and is wanted by Pakistani authorities for alleged terrorist activities dating back to the 11-year rule of late military President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq.

#### India, China begin border talks

NEW DELHI (AFP) - China and India launched two days of confidence-building talks here Friday aimed at keeping the peace on their disputed border, officials said. The two sides, led by Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan and Indian Foreign Secretary Jyotindra Nath Dixit, held 90 minutes of talks which focussed on a possible treaty to maintain "peace and tranquility" on the frontier, the officials said. Mr. Dixit and Mr. Tang also had a one-on-one meeting during which they discussed bilateral and international issues.

#### Israel to appoint first Arab ambassador

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel said Friday it would soon appoint its first Arab ambassador, probably to a European country. "We've already decided who the man is," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Israel Radio. "It will certainly be made public soon." One Israeli Arab has served as a consul but the foreign ministry said this would be Israel's first Arab ambassador. Denying a report in the daily Al Hamishmar that the man would be posted to a Muslim republic of the former Soviet Union. Mr. Peres said: "I prefer to appoint him to a European country." About 15 per cent of Israel's five million citizens are Arabs.

#### Cyprus court rejects freedom for Frenchman

NICOSIA (R) — The Cyprus supreme court on Friday turned down a petition to free Charles Altieri, wanted in France for the murder of a judge 12 years ago. He had filed a petition for habeas corpus after a district court ordered in May that he should be extradited to France, Mr. Altieri, 37, escaped in 1987 from a Swiss prison where he was serving a 20-year sentence for drug trafficking after which he was due to be extradited to France. A French court which sentenced Mr. Altieri in absentia in April 1991 heard that he was the driver of a motorcycle whose pillion rider fired the shots which killed Judge Pierre Michel in Marseille in 1981.

#### EC to aid Lebanon in drug crackdown

BEIRUT (R) - The European Community (EC) promised on Friday to aid Lebanon in its campaign to stamp out drugs growing and trafficking which flourished during 15 years of civil war. Interior Minister Beshara Merhej told reporters after talks with EC representatives that all illegal crops, mainly cannabis, were being destroyed by troops and police. Mr. Merhej said his talks with the ambassadors of Britian, France, Spain, Germany and Belgium would produce results. "They will go on with their programme to help Lebanon fight this social disease," said Mr. Merhej.

#### **UAE:** Boycott of Israel still in force

ABU DHABI (AFP) - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Friday denied Israeli reports that it would join Kuwait in lifting an "indirect" boycott of Israel. "The UAE affirms that the boycott of Israel is still in force and the boycott was a joint Arab decision. The reasons for such a decision also still exist," a senior Foreign Ministry official told the news agency WAM. WAM said the official was reacting to an Israeli radio report Thursday that the UAE had informed the United States it would follow Kuwait's

## Talwan tells Chinese hijackers not welcome

TAIPEI (R) - A senior Taiwanese official, speaking after the second hijacking of a Chinese airliner to Taiwan in three months, said Friday the island would not welcome hijackers seeking asylum. We welcome efforts by mainland compatriots to push for democracy, but we do not welcome hijacking. It is an act of violence, James Chu, spokesman for the ruling Nationalist Party, told reporters. Zhang Wenlong, 28, a former Chinese army officer, hijacked a Xiamen Airlines Boeing 737 to Taipei Thursday and sought asylum. The plane and 71 other people on board returned to China on the same day, and Zhang will stand trial in Taiwan.

#### Babangida vows to swear in elected president

ABUJA (AP) - Criticised at home and abroad for voiding national elections, Nigeria's military dictator said Friday that a democratically elected president will be sworn in on Aug. 27 as previously planned. General Ibrahim Babangida spoke to reporters after briefing semior military and police officers about the June 12 presidential elections, which he abruptly annulled on Wednesday. Gen. Babangida would not say who would be the new president of Africa's most populous state. Billionaire industrialist Moshood K.O. Abiola was leading by a wide margin when a court barred the release of results because of a lawsuit brought by Babangida supporters. Both Mr. Abiola and his rival, Bashir Othman Tofa, were good friends of Gen. Babangida, who formed their political parties and wrote their platforms.

#### U.K. Queen **Mother unveils** De Gaulle statue

LONDON (AP) - Returning to work after missing some engage-ments last week. Queen Mother Elizabeth Wednesday unveiled a statue of Charles De Gaulle outside his war-time headquarters. Looking pale and at times a little unsteady, the 92-year-old mother of Queen Elizabeth II nonetheless chatted animatedly with guests at the ceremony. Last week she was absent from the annual Garter ceremony at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and later missed all of the Royal Ascot races. Royal spokesmen said she had a mild case of flu. "It gives me very great pleasure to unveil a statue of Charles De Gaulle, a great Frenchman, a great patriot, whose life and achievements were so important to France and to us," said the Queen Mother, widow of Britain's war-time monarch, George VI. Guests included members of Gen. De Gaulle's family, including his son Admiral Philippe De Gaulle.

#### Anyone want a \$1 million bicycle, gold included?

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TEL AVIV (AP) - For anyone looking for a golden opportunity to get into perfect shape, a Swiss jeweller may provide you with the answer in exchange for \$1 million. That is the starting auction price for a gem-studded bicycle with golden pedals and chains that went on sale here Wednes day. The bicycle is designed to be used, down to the small air pump stuck in the ostrich-hide covered handlebars. Aside from the 1,188 grams of gold and platinium, the bicycle comes with its own offroad menagerie. The carbon fiber frame is painted with African animals decorated with emeralds. rubies, yellow sapphires, onyx, malachite and diamonds. The bicycle, designed by Swiss artisan Volker Rhenisch, was displayed during a Tel Aviv gathering of the International Coloured Gemstone Association, an organisation of miners, cutters and traders from 38 countries. The bidding that started Wednesday was private and the sales price will not be revealed, said Cheryl Kremkow, an association spokes-

#### Michael Jackson plans Hong Kong start to tour

HONG KONG (AFP) — Pop megastar Michael Jackson plans to kick off his "dangerous" world tour in Hong Kong in August, entertainment industry sources said Friday. "There are still a couple of details to be sorted out regarding the venue and dates." one source told AFP. But Aug. 15-16 have been set aside as "working dates" for Jackson's two-night stand in the territory, with a 30,000 seat horse-racing track in suburban Shatin the most likely venue. Formal announcement of the shows is expected sometime next week. After Hong Kong, the 34-year-old American "King of Pop," is expected to take his "dangerous" tour of Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan. Gigs in Australia, India, Israel, Turkey and Latin America are also anticipated before Jackson takes his show into North America next year. Though there are no immediate plans for Jackson to go to China, the source said the idea was under discussion.

#### Scientists breed pigs for human transplants

LONDON (R) - British scien-

tists are breeding special pigs that may revolutionise transplant surgery by providing cheap supplies of organs. After eight years of research, scientists at the Cambridge company Imutran revealed they had produced "Astrid" — a transgenic pig carrying human genes. Transgenic pigs have been bred before but Astrid is the first to contain the human gene decay accelerating factor which may prevent a human body rejecting transplant organs. "What we have got is the basic platform from which to start. Now we have to perfect the strain until we arrive at a point where organs can be transplanted without being automatically rejected," a spokesman for Imutran said. "Astrid will not be used as a supply of organs but for research so we can perfect the breed," John Wallwork, head of the transplant team at Papworth Hospital in Cambridge who has worked with Imutran, told the Evening Standard newspaper. "What we are trying to do in a biochemical way is to cheat the human immune system into accepting a foreign organ into it." he added. Since Astrid was born in December scientists have bred 32 piglets carrying human genes.

#### LETTER FROM VIENNA Campbell Bosnia on centre-stage sworn in as By Waleed Sadi Canada's THE BOSNIAN situation turned out to be the subject that could make or break the World Conference on Human Rights in its

premier TORONTO (AP) - Kim Campbell became Canada's 19th prime minister Friday, the first woman

ever to hold the post. She and her ministers were sworn in at government house by Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn a short time after Brian Mulroney submitted the resignation of his government.

Ms. Mulroney, who had headed the government since 1984, tendered his resignation and that of his cabinet to Mr

Hnatyshyn.

Mr. Campbell recited a brief oath in both English and French. Canada's official languages.

Trying to set the tone for a leaner, meaner government, the new cabinet ministers arrived at Rideau Hall in taxis, rather than the usual limousines. Keeping her promise to reduce

the size of the government, the new prime minister appointed only 24 ministers, 10 fewer than the Mulroney government. Notable was the fact that Canada's first female prime minister reduced women in the cabinet from

The number of government departments was pared from 32 to

Jean Charest, the 35-year-old environment minister from Quebec who came from far behind and nearly defeated Ms. Campbell in the leadership race, was named deputy prime minister and minister of industry, science and consumer and corporate

Perrin Beatty, who had been communications minister under Mr. Mulroney takes over as secretary of state for external affairs, and Tom Siddon, formerly head of Indian affairs and northern development, takes over Ms. Campbell's post at de-

affairs.

## Aideed rivals seek deeper U.N. role

MOGADISHU (R) — Rivals of "take control of all public assets fugitive warlord Mohammad and building in and outside the Farah Aideed called on the UN- country and to protect the natural ited Nations Friday to all but take resources and environment such over the running of Somalia — as marine resources, wildlife, the very thing General Aideed forestry..."

violently opposed. Eleven political groups aligned with self-styled President Ali Mahdi Mohammad said the U.N. should sponsor new peace talks, disarm and police the whole country, and take over what assets have not been looted and Somali embassies and buildings

"We must do everything in our power to help the U.N. in its noble mission to save Somulia. We are calling on our people to talk peace and propagate brotherhood, said the deputy leader of one faction. Awad Ashraeh of the United Somali

He and leaders of the other factions denied that their call was an attempt to seek favour with the United Nations, further mar-ginalise Gen. Aideed's Somali National Alliance (SNA) or put the country under U.N. trus-

There was no immediate response from the U.N. to the appeal by the 11 factions, who aligned themselves with Mr. Ali Mahdi against four other groups loosely led by Gen. Aideed.

"We're studying it. We're basi-cally supportive of enything that will help restore peace and accelerate rehabilitation." U.N. official said privately. A document issued by the 11

urged the convening of a fresh

national reconciliation confer-

ence after marathon talks in the Ethiopian capital earlier this If held, these would force the SNA to produce a new leader if Gen. Aideed were still in hiding to avoid an arrest warrant issued

over the June 5 killing of 24

Pakistani peacekeepers. They called on the U.N. to

Somali leaders accuse Japanese and Korean fishermen of plundering their waters, which contain one sixth of the world's

known stocks of tuna. They also fear that unscrupulous leaders might accept bribes to allow foreign companies to dump toxic waste in the Indian Ocean or on Somali land sites. One attempt to do this was unco-

vered by journalists last year. Hundreds of Aideed backers took to the streets again on Friday to denounce what they called United Nations attempts, orchestrated by the United States, to recolonise them. It was small compared to the

daily demonstrations that have

been held since Gen. Aideed went into hiding eight days ago. But it ended with vitriolic attacks on the U.N. special envoy for Somalia, Jonathan Howe, and U.S. President Bill Clinton and the stoning of reporters they accuse of being spies.

AFP adds: Pakistani troops ex-changed fire with Somali gunmen in the streets of Mogadishu Friday after a series of shooting incidents overnight, the United Nations command here announced. A Pakistani motorised patrol was fired on in the early after-

noon when it approached close to

a demonstration against the U.N.

forces in the country (UNOSOM) by some 500 Somalis. The Pakistanis returned fire. At about the same time, guards at the U.N. compound exchanged shots with snipers, said UN-OSOM military spokesman

David Stockwell. No casualties were reported in either incident.

unanswered, it was difficult to see how far any Vienna declaration on Bosnia would go to help out the beleaguered Bosnian Muslims. Still the OIC member states believe that it would be ludicrous for the Vienna gathering to conclude its deliberations without a specific mention of the Bosnian conflict, a mere 200 kilometres away. Saudi Arabia and Pakistan spearheaded the move to adopt a separate declaration on Bosnia and both delegations made considerable effort to lobby for this procedure. Meanwhile the drafting committee which was still busy drafting the final declaration of the Vienna meeting, incorporated several language on ethnic cleansing, genocide, systematic rape and summary execution, all human rights phenomena that characterised the Serbs' grave human rights violations. Egypt introduced an amendment that referred to such crimes against humanity and

the same footing.